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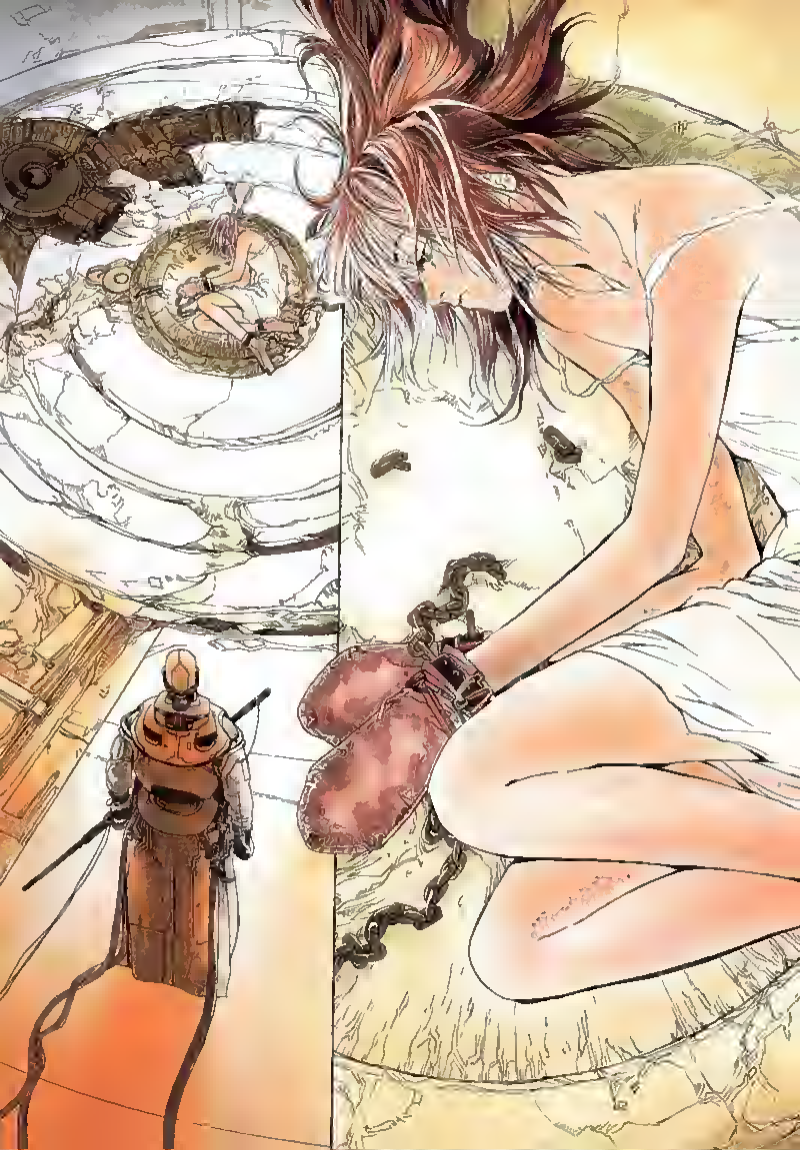
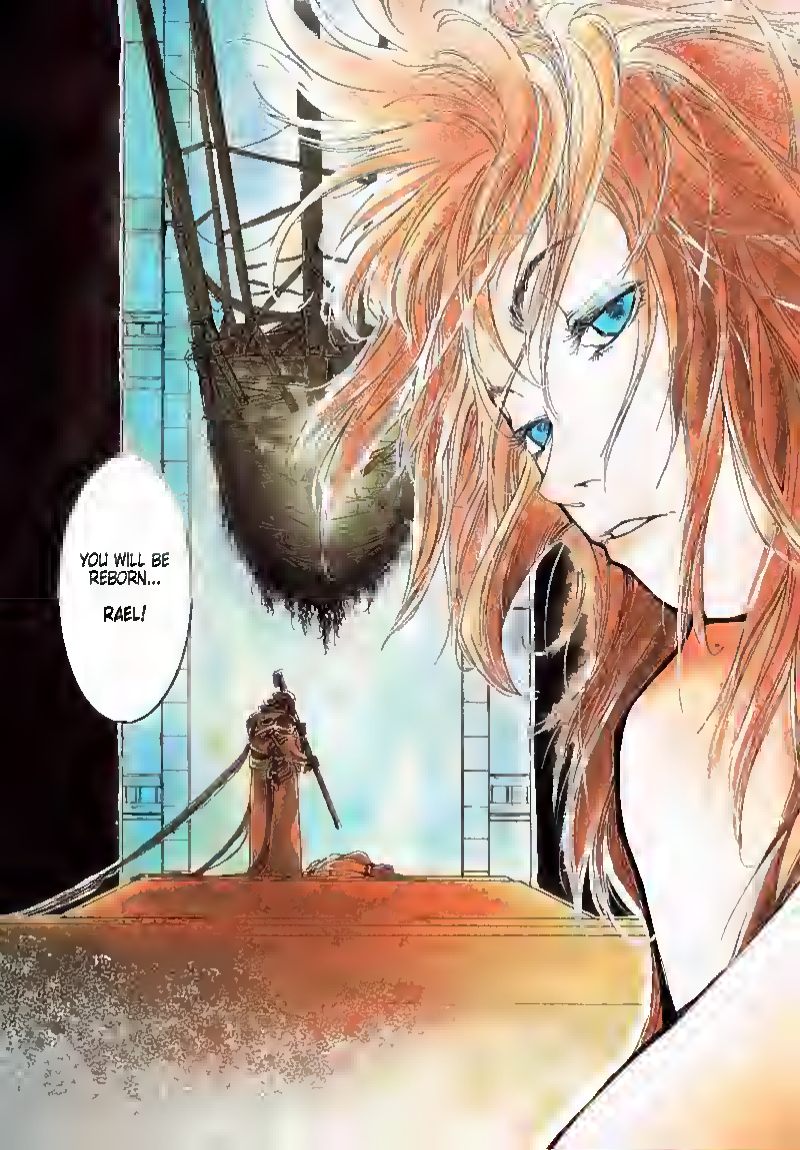
A FEROCIOUS DESIRE HIDES ITSELF IN THE SILENCE...
THE DREAMING BIRDS PRAY AND THE FAMISHED SAVAGE BEAST DANCES...
THE "THING" HIDES IN THE NOISE...



ARE YOU AFRAID?
PSHT
DON'T WORRY... YOU WILL SURELY BE ABLE TO COME BACK


YOU WILL BE REBORN...
RAEL!

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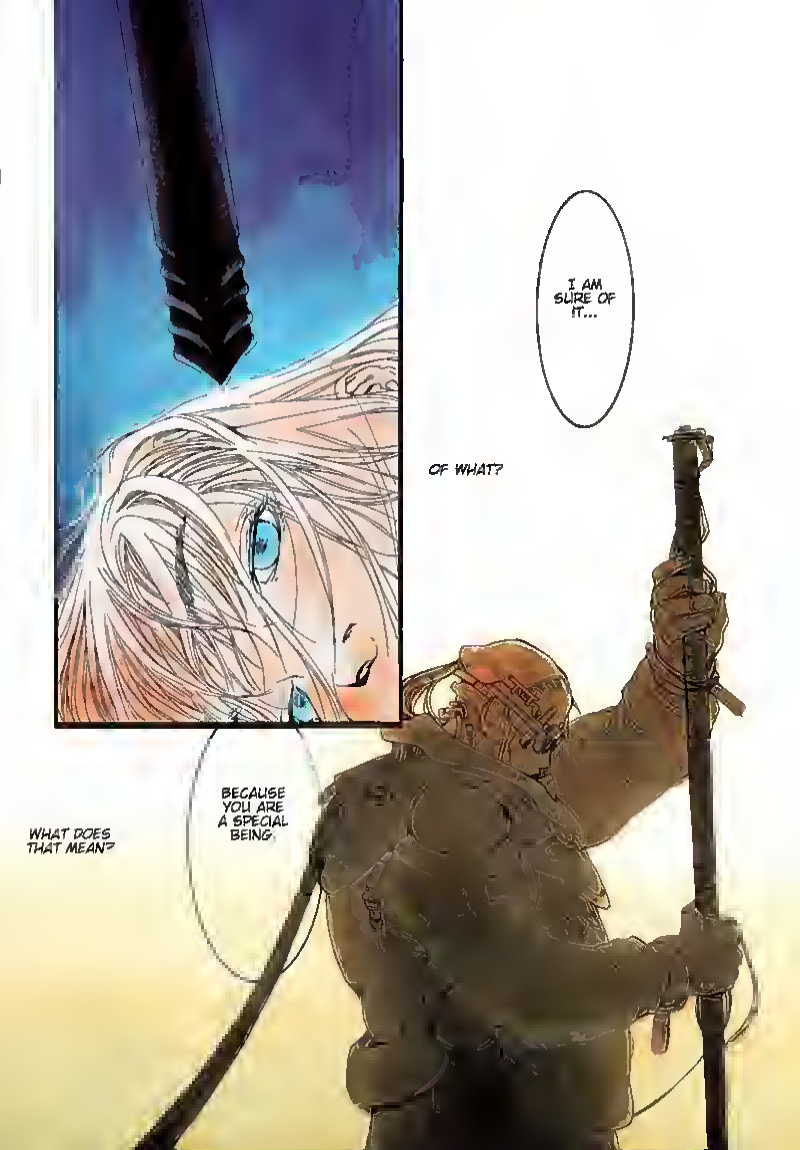

I AM SURE OF IT...
OF WHAT?
BECAUSE YOU ARE A SPECIAL BEING.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Chapter 16

A FAILURE ...

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

MAINLAND, WEST SEA.

SHE CAN'T BE SAVED?
RAEL
WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER?
IS THAT IT?
IS IT!?
BOUM
SO, YOU TOO...
VLAM
CRR
YOU'RE GONNA TELL ME THE SAME THING?
YOU'RE GONNA TELL ME THAT...
TAC
THAT RAEL IS GONNA DIE!?

NO!
SHE'S DIFFERENT !!!

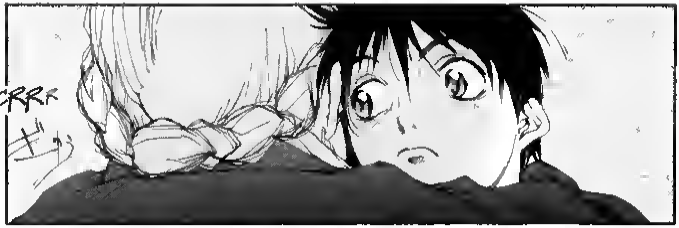
300.
THAT'S MY FINAL OFFER.
300!?
THAT'S ALL!?

HEYYY!
NO NEED TO EXHAUST YOURSELF...
THAT'S MY LAST OFFER.
GADSON, PLEASE...
TRY A LITTLE HARDER WE'RE OLD FRIENDS!
IF YOU AREN'T SATISFIED WITH IT, GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!
AND FOR SMALL BUSINESSES LIKE US...
IT'S ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT.
WHY?
THESE REFORMS ARE MADE TO SIMPLIFY THE THINGS AREN'T THEY?
IN SHORT HE WANTS TO UNIFY THE SYSTEM.
LASERFORD IS ENDLESSLY MAKING REFORMS.
NEW LAWS FOR CORPORATE CONTROL, SUPRESSING THE DRUG TRADE...
IT CAN'T BE POSSIBLE
IT'LL BE A CRISIS EVERYWHERE!
THAT...
LORD PHILIP ISN'T HERE TO STOP HIM ANYMORE SO NOW HE WANTS A MONOPOLY OVER ALL THE BUSINESSES
ON THE CONTRARY,
HE WANTS TO CREATE A DICTATORSHIP
SO, CAP' ...
DONT CAUSE ME MORE PROBLEMS ..
I DONT HIDE RUNAWAYS BECAUSE IM A NICE GUY...
I'M DOING IT BECAUSE YOU WERE A FRIEND
...
THIS SAID
I'M IN DEBT TO LORD PHILIP
BUT HIM, I OWE NOTHING

MISTER
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU, BUT.
HUH?
THE "FRIEND" OF CAP'...
COULD YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT HER?
YUNA!!!
HM...
HM...
I WAS TOLD THAT WE COULD GET ANYTHING WE WANTED IN THE BIG CITY...
BUT IT WAS ALL A BIG LIE.
I'M DISAP-POINTED

I ASKED FOR PURE WATER AND HE SERVED ME SOME MUDDY SHIT!
I'D RATHER DRINK RAINWATER
THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING WORTH-WHILE!
IT'S WAY BETTER IN THE CAREN VALLEY...
I'M REALLY DISAP-POINTED
ENOUGH!
BACK IN THE VALLEY, I WOULD HAVE REALLY MAULED THEM
AND THAT'S WHY...
YOU DID THIS?
BUT SINCE WE'RE IN TOWN...
I TOOK THE EFFORT TO BE A LITTLE NICER
FFFFFFFF
オホホ
WITH THE MONEY YOU JUST GAVE ME...
I'M WILLING TO FORGET THIS LITTLE INCIDENT HAPPENED

SO?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW
IT WAS JUJU WHO BROUGHT THAT GIRL WASN'T IT?
WASN'T HE WITH HIS SISTER?
HEY ?
WHAT DID JUJU'S MOTHER HAVE TO SAY?
SHE ONLY TOLD ME TO WATCH HER.
HE WASN'T WITH HIS SISTER...


CRRR

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT MOTHER?

YOU COULD HAVE KEPT RUNNING...
WHY HAVE YOU RETURNED?

THINGS WILL GET ROUGH.
WHAT'LL YOU DO IF STIPE HEARS ABOUT YOU?

I DIDN'T KIDNAP HER..
EVEN IF THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY BELIEVES.

WE DIDN'T RUN AWAY WITH HER.
IT WAS BY CHANCE THAT WE STUCK TOGETHER.

MY SISTER
HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS...
THAT WAY YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO COME BACK..
WHILE YOU WERE AT IT, YOU SHOULD HAVE ESCAPED WITH ANNA
DON'T BRING MY SISTER INTO ALL THIS!

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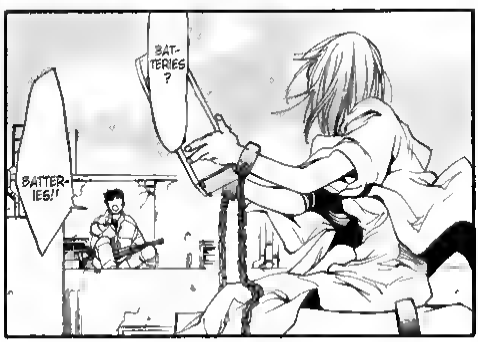
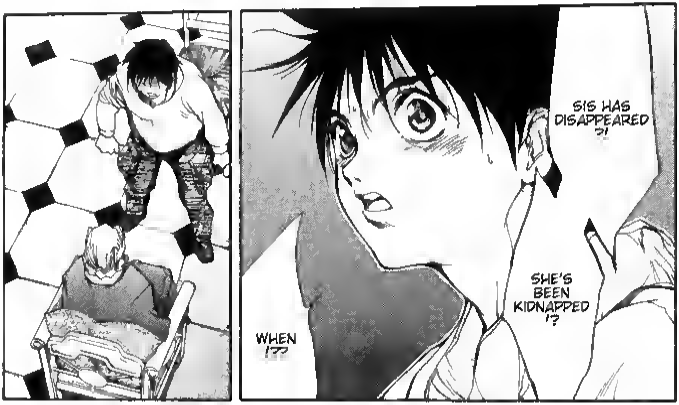

BAT-TERIES ?
BATTER-IES!!

ERRR
IT'S
IT'S BATTER-IES HAVE RUN OUT RIGHT?

YES ...
BAT-TERIES !!
BAT TERIES ?
DID SHE UNDER-STAND?
!
tilt
NO! NOT THERE!
IT'S BEHIND!
FSSS
ON THE BACK!

ON THE BACK OF THE RADIO, THERE'S A LID


SIS HAS DISAPPEARED ?!
SHE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED !?
WHEN !?

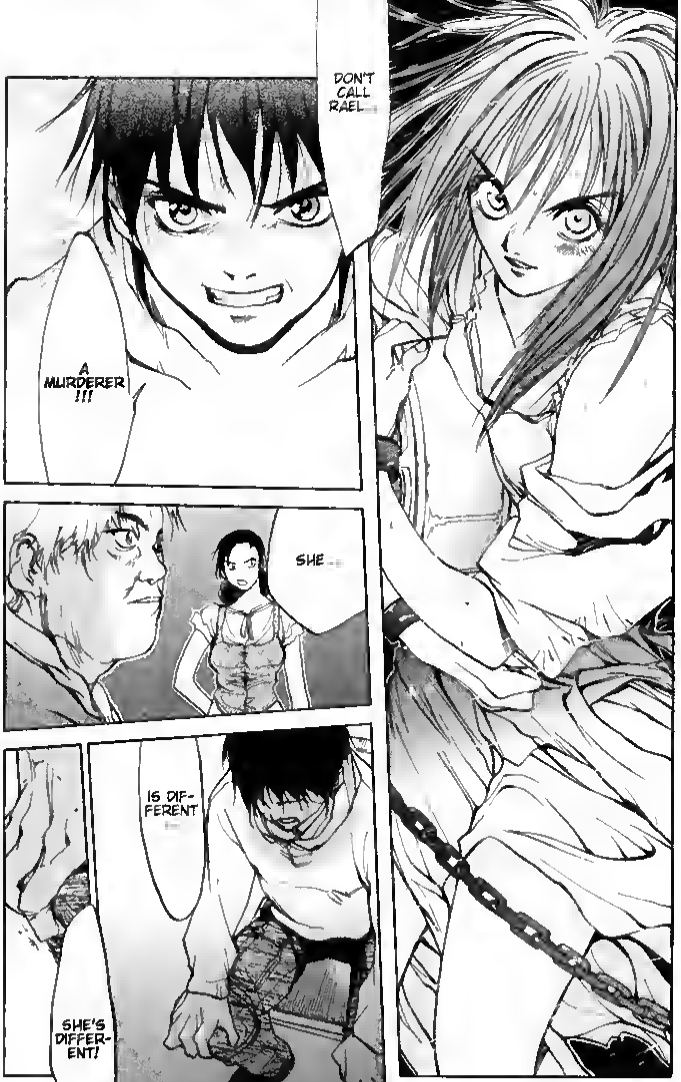
WHEN I LEARNED SHE HAD DISAP-PEARED...
I THOUGHT YOU HAD TAKEN HER WITH YOU...
BUT NOW I KNOW I WAS WRONG!

NO ONE KNOWS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED
MY SISTER HAS BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE!?
IT'S THE TRUTH !
STOP IT, MEG !
YOU KIDNAPPED LORD PHILIP'S GRANDDAUGHTER, SO.
STIPE GOT MAD
WE DON'T KNOW.
SHE MAY JUST HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED ELSEWHERE.
YOU REMEMBER JUJU ..
THE WARNING I GAVE YOU?
SHE'S NOT DEAD YET, BUT SHE MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD BY YOUR HAND.
TRY NOT TO EVER DEAL WITH THEM!
THE PHILIPS HAVE BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS...

IT ISN'T VERY SOLID OVER THERE...
BE CAREFUL!
IT'S DANGEROUS COME BACK INSIDE!
COME ON!
THE COLD'S KILLING TOO
THE PHILIP FAMILY IS A MURDERER'S FAMILY
YOU HEAR ME?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR RADIO
TAP
GO
GOGO
GOGOGO
C'MON ...
COME INSIDE!
555
NO ...
555
TAC
I DON'T WANT TO!

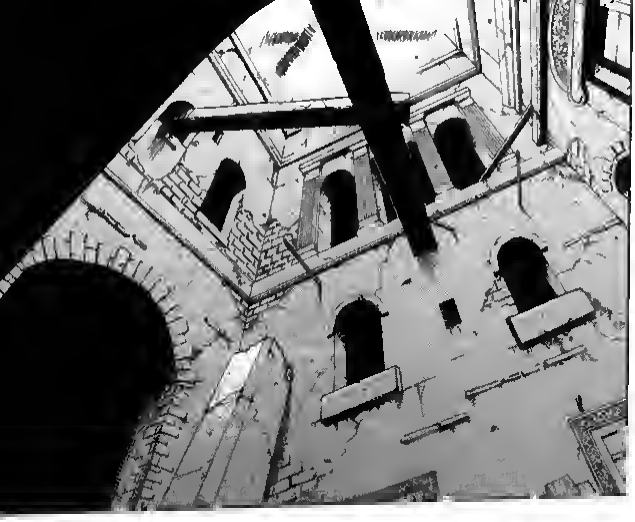
NO !!!
DON'T STAND UP, IT'S DANGER-OUS!
I WON'T
COME BACK...
AGAIN!
AAH!!!
WHAT A WIND!


DON'T CALL RAEL
A MURDERER !!!
SHE
IS DIF-FERENT
SHE'S DIFFER-ENT!

IN THAT CASE, WHO IS SHE?
HELP!!!
THE GIRL FELL OFF ...

IT'S NOT EVEN TASTY.
HM? HM?
HM?
THEN, DON'T EAT IT!
WE ARE SUPPOSED TO TRAVEL INCOGNITO
WE'RE STANDING OUT TOO MUCH
OH! IT'S COLD ...
IT'S COLD
LOOK WHO'S TALKING ...
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, WE GOT THROWN OUT
FOR SO LITTLE!
IT'S SO COLD
HM?
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RULES THAT APPLY WHILE YOU'RE IN TOWN

WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?
I HAVE NO IDEA.
ARE YOU SURE?
I THINK I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE, AT THE VALLEY
HUH?
THE ONE WHO JUST TURNED AT THE CORNER
WHAT?
THERE?
AH!
THOSE COMING FROM THE CAREN VALLEY CERTAINLY WOULDN'T COME FOR LORD PHILIP'S FUNERAL..
IT'S SNOWING
IN THE PROVINCES, THE CLIMATE IS MORE STABLE
YES
SNOWFALL COMES SOON HERE.
OSHIMI



CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
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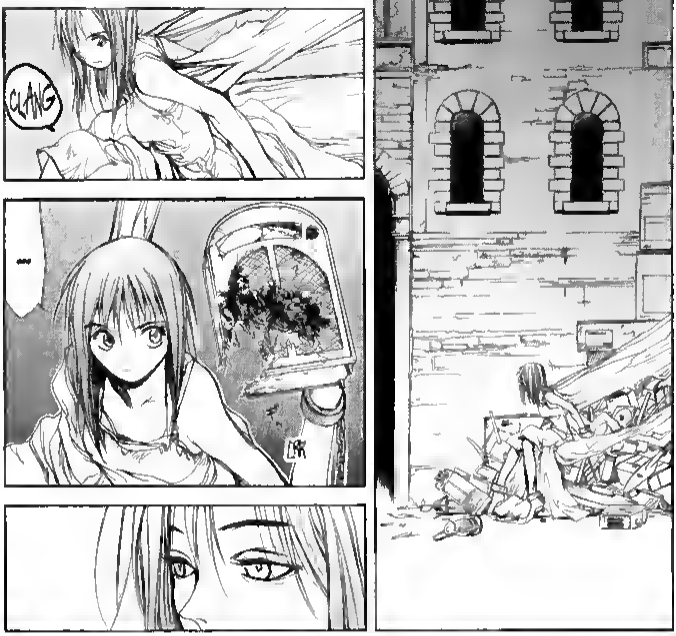
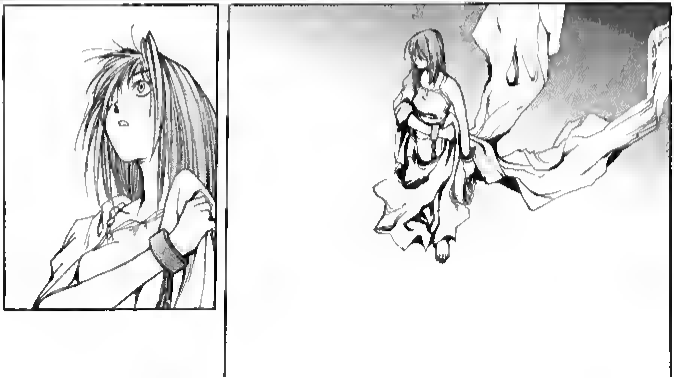


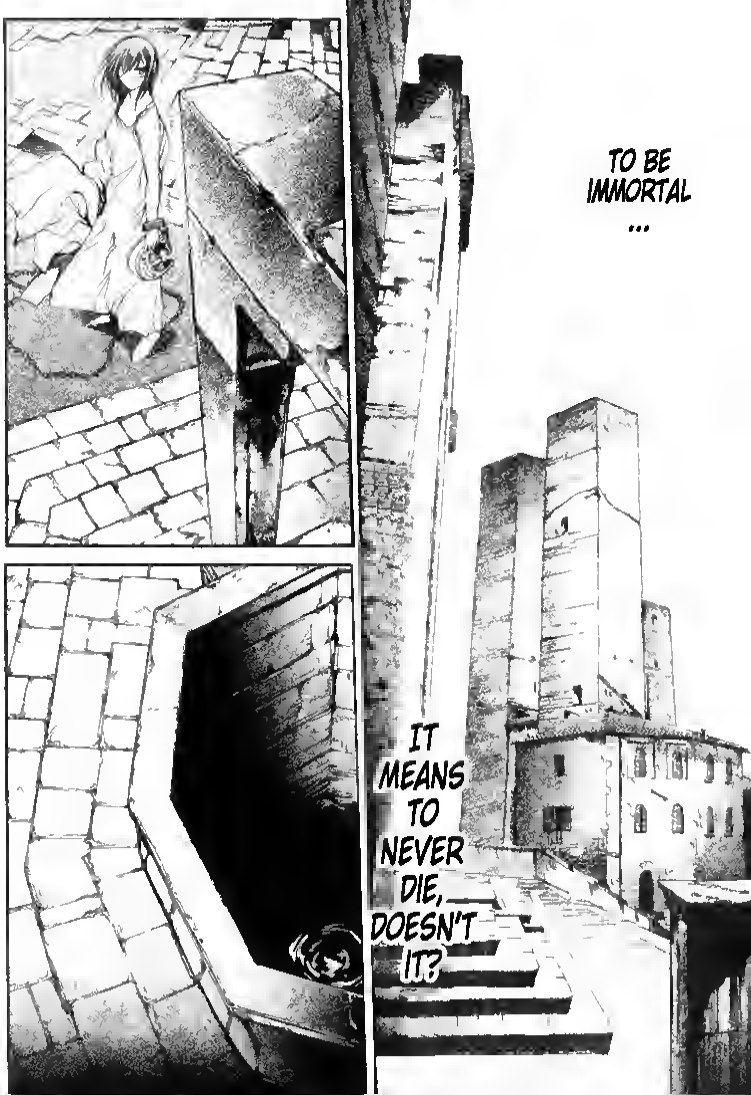
HOW FAR HAVE I FALLEN?



I CAN'T SEE
THE SKY...

IS SHE ALRIGHT?
THAT'S CRAZY!
IT'S UNBELIEV-ABLE!
SHE'S NOT HUMAN.
THINK ABOUT IT!

FROM THAT HEIGHT!
SHE FELL...
THAT'S IMPRES-SIVE
TAP
WHAT DO YOU THINK?


TO BE IMMORTAL ...
IT MEANS TO NEVER DIE, DOESN'T IT?

I DON'T KNOW THIS PLACE... I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.

THEN, WHY DO YOU THINK YOU'VE COME HERE?

HAS CALLED YOU HERE
YOUR MEMORY
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE!

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Chapter 17

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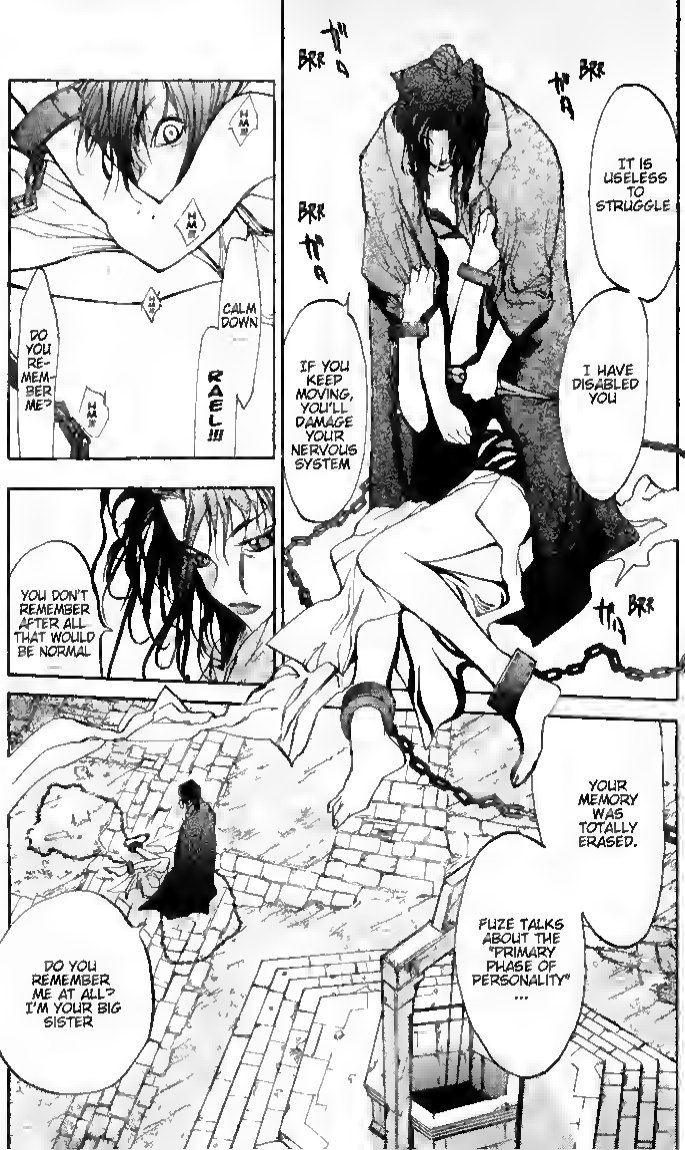
VIUUUUM
TAC
BTAM
TAM
GOOOOO

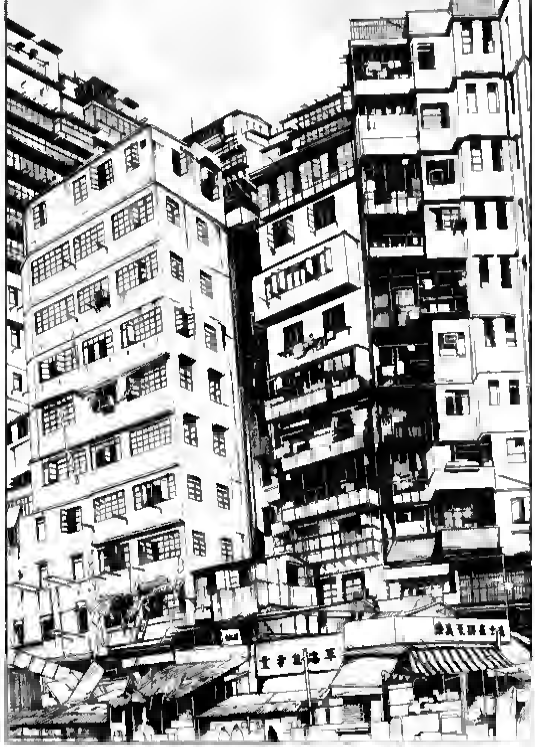
...
GETTING CAUGHT BY SUCH A SIMPLE TRAP...
YOUR MEMORIES MUST HAVE REALLY DEGRADED
IT SEEMS TO BE PARTICULARLY UNSTABLE

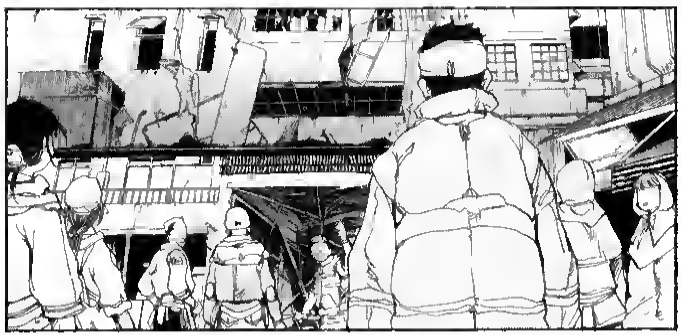

BRR
BRR
BRR
BRR
IT IS USELESS TO STRUGGLE
I HAVE DISABLED YOU
IF YOU KEEP MOVING, YOU'LL DAMAGE YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM
HM
HM
HM
CALM DOWN
RAEL!!!
DO YOU RE-MEM-BER ME?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER AFTER ALL THAT WOULD BE NORMAL
YOUR MEMORY WAS TOTALLY ERASED.
FUZE TALKS ABOUT THE "PRIMARY PHASE OF PERSONALITY" ...
DO YOU REMEMBER ME AT ALL? I'M YOUR BIG SISTER

IF THAT IS THE CASE
IT SHOULD SHOW ON THIS CATHETER
CLIC
PERHAPS AN ERROR OCCURED DURING THE WIPE
BUT IT SEEMS YOU'VE PARTIALLY RECOVERED YOUR MEMORY
IF MAN'S FLAWS COULD BE NARROWED DOWN
IT WOULD BE BECAUSE HE RELIES TOO MUCH ON HIS MEMORY
THAT IS WHAT FUZE THINKS
IF THAT WERE TRUE
THEN WE ARE FLAWED BEINGS TOO
HE SAYS
MEMORY PREVENTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERFECT PERSONALITY.

I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS PROTEIN BEFORE...
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN!?
YOUR AMINO ACIDS HAVE EVOLVED!?
FLOP
BUT...
THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A SUDDEN CHANGE.
MORE LIKE A NEW SPECIES HAS BEEN EVOLVED.
SEPARATE FROM HUMANS
AND FROM US TOO
IS THAT, THE REM, THE TRUE PERSONALITY!?

RAEL~
ARE YOU ...
REALLY RAEL?

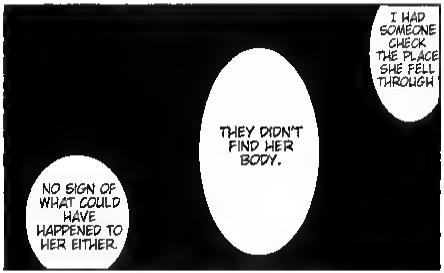


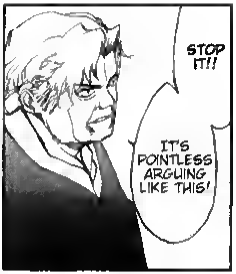


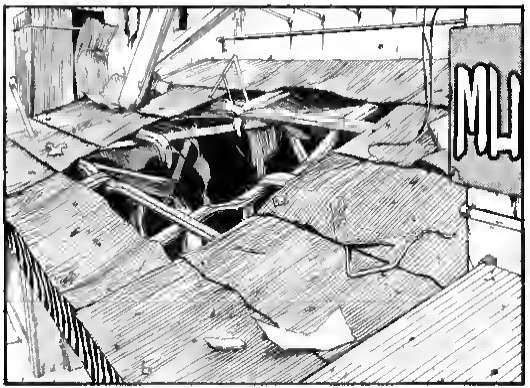
THAT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN AN ALIEN THAT JUST FELL THROUGH, RIGHT?
DID YOU SEE THAT?
A CHILD SAW HER JUMP...
A GIRL!?
HEY
LOOK.
YUNFA, LOOK AT ALL THESE PEOPLE...

HM!
THERE'S SOMETHING
HE HO!

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO LOOK AFTER HER!
ANSWER ME!!!
IT'S TRUE
BUT ... SHE STARTED PLAYING WITH HER RADIO AND THEN...
SHE WAS CALM AT FIRST
I DONT KNOW ...
IT HAPPEN SO FAST ...
RIGHT?
IF YOU CARED SO MUCH ABOUT HER, YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED WITH HER JUJU!
BUT IT WAS TOO LATE
I TRIED TO, OF COURSE !
YOU LET HER JUMP!?
YOU COULD HAVE STOPPED HER!
SUD-DENLY, SHE STARTED ACTING WEIRD
THE RADIO STOPPED WORKING


I HAD SOMEONE CHECK THE PLACE SHE FELL THROUGH
THEY DIDN'T FIND HER BODY.
NO SIGN OF WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HER EITHER.


STOP IT!!
IT'S POINTLESS ARGUING LIKE THIS!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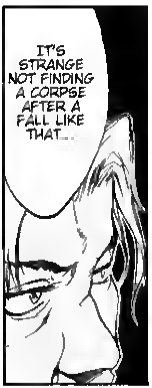

IT'S STRANGE NOT FINDING A CORPSE AFTER A FALL LIKE THAT...

SHE'S SAYING THAT SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO WEIGH 300KG
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, MOTHER JIJI?
WHAT?
EHH?
EVEN A 300KG GIANT COULDN'T HAVE CAUSED SO MUCH DAMAGE ON IMPACT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DON'T YOU FIND IT ODD TO SAY THE LEAST? SHE FELL FROM A GREAT HEIGHT...
AND EVEN IF BY SOME STROKE OF LUCK THE GROUND OPENED UP UNDER HER AT THAT MOMENT...
AND HAD BROKEN HER FALL...
I DOUBT SHE COULD HAVE MOVED AWAY IMMEDIATELY...
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
SHE'S SAYING IT'S NOT NORMAL
I UNDER-STAND THAT YOU TRUST HER...
SHE'S CERTAINLY A GOOD GIRL...
BUT I SENSE MUCH DANGER FROM HER...
WHO IS SHE REALLY?
YOU HAVE NO IDEA DO YOU?

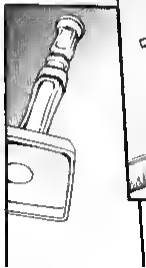
IT IS A PUNISHMENT OF THE HEAVEN
BECAUSE YOU ABANDONED YOUR SISTER TO PLAY AROUND WITH SOME GIRL!
AND A REALLY WEIRD ONE AT THAT.
YOU...
I...
IT'S ALRIGHT WITH ME.
NO... STOP IT!!!
VLAN
CACA !!!

I KNOW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING...

I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT RAEL

BUT...

EVEN IF I KNEW ANYTHING...



EVEN IF I KNEW ALL ABOUT HER?
WHAT WOULD IT CHANGE...
THE DISQUIET I FEEL MAY BE JUSTIFIED...
AND MAYBE I WOULD LEARN THINGS...
THAT I WOULD BE BETTER OFF NOT KNOWING...
AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STAY AWAY..
!!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DID SOME-THING ...
HAPPEN?
SO WHY DO YOU NEED THAT THING YOU'RE HOLDING?
YOU TOLD ME THAT HERE, WE WERE AMONG FRIENDS ...

BOUM
JUJU!?
OH!
TAP
WAIT, JUJU!
THE IDIOT!
AAAAAAAH!!!
JUJU!
TAP
!?
SS

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH THAT GUN?
CALM DOWN JUJU!
CLAC
CLING
EH?
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!

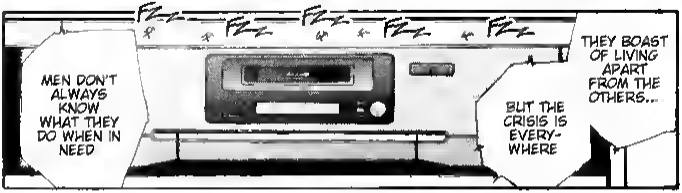
...
PLEASE...
STAY AWAY FROM ME!
OH!
AH!
WHAT'S GOING ON? HE SEEMS FURIOUS...
SO?
YUNFA...

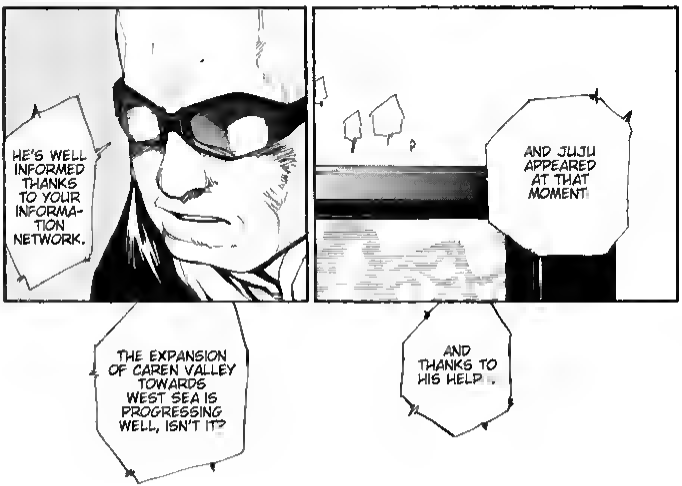
!?
YUNFA?
ICACA
HE, WITH HIS GUN...
Flop
Flop
Flop
Flop
WHAT?
DID HE DO SOME-THING TO YOU?
DID HE GET VIOLENT?
HE HUMILIATED YOU?
YOU OK, YUNFA?
Fle
Fle
Fle
Fle
NO, I'M NOT OK!!!
JUJU POINTED HIS GUN AT ME!
A GUN?
juju,you DIOT!!!

MISTER STIPE
EHH
I THANK YOU FOR FINDING ME A NEW HOSPITAL
HI, IT'S ANNA-MARIA MEYER
AND YOU, MISTER STIPE, ARE YOU OK?
THE ROOM IS FANTASTIC
I FELL IN LOVE WITH IT AT FIRST SIGHT
AND EVERYBODY'S SO NICE!
FLEEEE

THEY TOLD ME THAT WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE...
THAT MADE ME FEEL SAD...
SO?
THE PICTURE IS BAD AND IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ACERTAIN...
BUT IF YOU HAVE WORK
BUT YOU CAN IDENTIFY HER, RIGHT?
I UNDERSTAND...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I HAVE A PROPOSITION...
AND IF IT ALL WORKS OUT, YOU'LL EVEN GET PHILIP'S GRANDDAUGHTER BACK

DO YOU KNOW WHY WE'VE RECENTLY BEEN SEEING PEOPLE FROM THE CAREN VALLEY IN TOWN?
IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW MARKET.
THEY'RE HERE TO FIND NEW CUSTOMERS FOR MORE BUSINESS.


THEY BOAST OF LIVING APART FROM THE OTHERS...
BUT THE CRISIS IS EVERY-WHERE
MEN DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT THEY DO WHEN IN NEED


HE'S WELL INFORMED THANKS TO YOUR INFORMA-TION NETWORK.
THE EXPANSION OF CAREN VALLEY TOWARDS WEST SEA IS PROGRESSING WELL, ISN'T IT?
AND JUJU APPEARED AT THAT MOMENT.
AND THANKS TO HIS HELP...

AND THAT'S WHERE JUJU'S SISTER COMES IN HANDY..
IF SHE'S AT RISK, HE'LL BE MORE CAUTIOUS.
AH...
WE WON'T REALLY PUT HER IN ANY DANGER.
WHAT DO WE WANT?
WE WILL TREAT HER WITH OUR VERY BEST.
LET'S HAVE A HOSTAGE EXCHANGE!

THEY'LL JUMP AT THE CHANCE
IN EXCHANGE FOR JUJU'S SISTER
WE'RE ASKING FOR PHILIP'S GRAND-DAUGHTER..
AND WHEN THEY SHOW UP, WE'LL CAPTURE THEM ALL!
IF THE 2 GIRLS CAN'T BE PROTECTED, WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE
WE'LL BE ABLE TO SETTLE IT ALL IN ONE SHOT!
WHAT DO YOU WANT..
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD PLAN?
RIAM?

NEVER TRUST ANYBODY.
A LONG TIME AGO, YOU TOLD ME THIS...
TO PLACE TRUST IN ANYTHING ..
IS ASKING TO BE BETRAYED
IF WE WANT SOMETHING, WE MUST PUT IT ON OURSELVES ALONE TO OBTAIN IT.

I DONT LIKE BEING KEPT WAITING.
DIP
TAC
TUUUT
TUUUT
BOUM
!!!
!

WHERE AM I GOING?
...
HEY? IT'S..
IT'S JUJU, RIGHT?
RIIIGHT?

HE WAS THROWN OUT FROM STIPE'S PLACE...
I THINK HE SCREWED UP.
IT'S NOT HIM.
IT ISN'T!
YES, I TELL YOU, IT'S HIM!
WHAT NERVE!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
IF HE WAS THROWN OUT...
THAT MEANS HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY LINKS...
WITH STIPE?
IN THAT CASE, WE'LL SAY HELLO!
RIGHT?
HI HIHIHI HI!
IS THAT TRUE?
HE'S GOT A BOUNTY ON HIS HEAD FOR KIDNAPPING..
SO, HE'S A FREELANCER NOW?
WHOAH, CLASSY!

ジュジュ!!!
HE LOOKED BACK. ♡
YOU SEE, I WAS RIGHT.
IT REALLY IS JUJU!

WHAT A SURPRISE TO SEE YOU HERE!
HEY! JUJU
FEELS LIKE WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN AGES
DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
WILLIE IZMAI
THIS ONE IS SIRUS NACHT
WE WERE ALL IN THE SAME YEAR, AT ST JEFFERSONS BUT WE WERE TWO YEARS YOUR SENIOR
WE REPEATED THE SAME YEAR TWICE
YOU'VE FORGOT JUJU?
WE WERE CLASSMATES!
YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE FORGOTTEN US?
Ff
Ff Ff Ff
Ff

BY THE WAY...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HENRY?
HENRY...
WHAT HENRY...
HENRY PADVANI, HE TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON EIGHT TIMES. WHEN THEY CAUGHT HIM ON THE NINTH TRY, HE GOT TOSSED INTO A 'SPECIAL' FACILITY.
AH! THAT GUY...
HE'S DEAD. HE WENT AND OVERDOSED
IN THAT FACILITY...
THEN, ALL THE REMAINING CLASSMATES FROM SCHOOL ARE GATHERED HERE?
PERFECT TIMING! HOW ABOUT HAVING A LITTLE PARTY WITH US?
HAHAHAHA

YOU'RE NOT IGNORING US I HOPE?
WE'RE TALKING TO YOU!
HUH?
OR MAYBE YOU SIMPLY DON'T WANNA TALK TO US?
BUT THIS ISN'T THE CASE, IS IT, JUJU?
AGH!
CRR
SO, ACCORDING TO YOU ALL, I'M HURTING HIM
HE'S AT IT AGAIN
HIS BAD HABIT...
HE'S AT IT AGAIN
AH
YOU ALL WOUND ME
PFFT!
Fle
WILL REALLY SEEMS TO ENJOY HIMSELF IN MOMENTS LIKE THIS
YEAH!

TAC
AIN'T I RIGHT, JUJU?
AH!
STOP IT, WILL
WE WERE IN THE SAME ORPHAN-AGE
WE REALLY GOT ALONG WELL!
YEAH, THAT'S ENOUGH!
YOU CAN SEE JUJU DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY...
HE WOULD DO ANYTHING I WANTED HIM TO DO...
I WOULD TELL HIM, BRING ME THIS
AND HE WOULD FETCH IT IMMEDI-ATELY
AND IT WAS THE SAME FOR EVERY-THING ELSE!
WE KNOW, WILL
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT, YOU DON'T REALLY BELIEVE ME...
TAC

TAC
!
TAC
AAH!

YOU'RE KIDDING ... RIGHT?
HUH!?
HA...
HA HA
OH
WHETHER I'M JOKING OR NOT
TELL ME
AND YOU'D BETTER NOT LIE
YOU'LL FIND OUT
I'M LOOKING FOR A GIRL...
A GIRL ...
A GIRL IN CHAINS!

A GIRL ...
WHO'S IN CHAINS?
!?
HAVE YOU SEEN HER?
I'M SEARCHING THIS GIRL
IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN HER
THEN, DON'T FUCK WITH ME!
OH
YOUR SISTER?
SHE ESCAPED FROM THE HOSPITAL AGAIN ..

WHAT CONDITION DOES SHE HAVE THIS TIME?
BAM

PFF!
GRR
YOU
YOU'RE GONNA
GRR
WHY DON'T YOU KILL HIM?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL HIM, NOW WOULD BE THE TIME

UNLESS
YOU AREN'T PREPARED TO DO IT?
DOLL-MAN !?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS
TO DRAW YOUR GUN HERE?
JUJU
CRR
CRR
CRR

TAP
BRR
I AM ASKING YOU...
IF YOU'RE ABLE TO SHOOT.
THC
HUH?

CRAC
CRAC
CRR
CRR
CRR
CRR
CRR
CRAC
CRAC
TAC
AAA!!!
YOU DAMN BRAT!!
BOUM
CRAC
KEF!
KEF!
KEF!
KEF!
KEF!
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CRAC
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE IN FOR?
BOUM
BOUM
YOU TRYING TO ACT TOUGH?!
HA HA !!!
WITHOUT YOUR GUN, YOU'RE NOTHING!
YOU NOBODY, QUIT SHOWING OFF!
HM!
TAC

YOU'RE JUST A BRAT.
TAKE THAT!
BOUM
YOU'RE LESS THAN NOTHING WITHOUT HIS SUPPORT.
YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN STIPE'S SHADOW
YOU WANNA GO HOME TO DADDY STIPE...
OR WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE HIM PICK YOU UP?
GROC
GROC
GROC
GROC
I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA...
WHY DON'T WE FIND HIS SISTER TOO AND BRING THE TWO OF 'EM BACK TO STIPE!
HOW ABOUT IT?
I'M TOO NICE!

AH!
!
HUH?
WHAT IS IT?
...HM!
CROC

YOU'RE ALL THERE
EVEN DOLL-MAN!?
CROC
CROC
CROC
IS THERE A PARTY OR WHAT?
ERR
NO
ERR
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CORI!?

LONG TIME NO SEE, MAN!
WHAT'S UP?
BUT, IT'S JUJU ...

...
JUJU !?

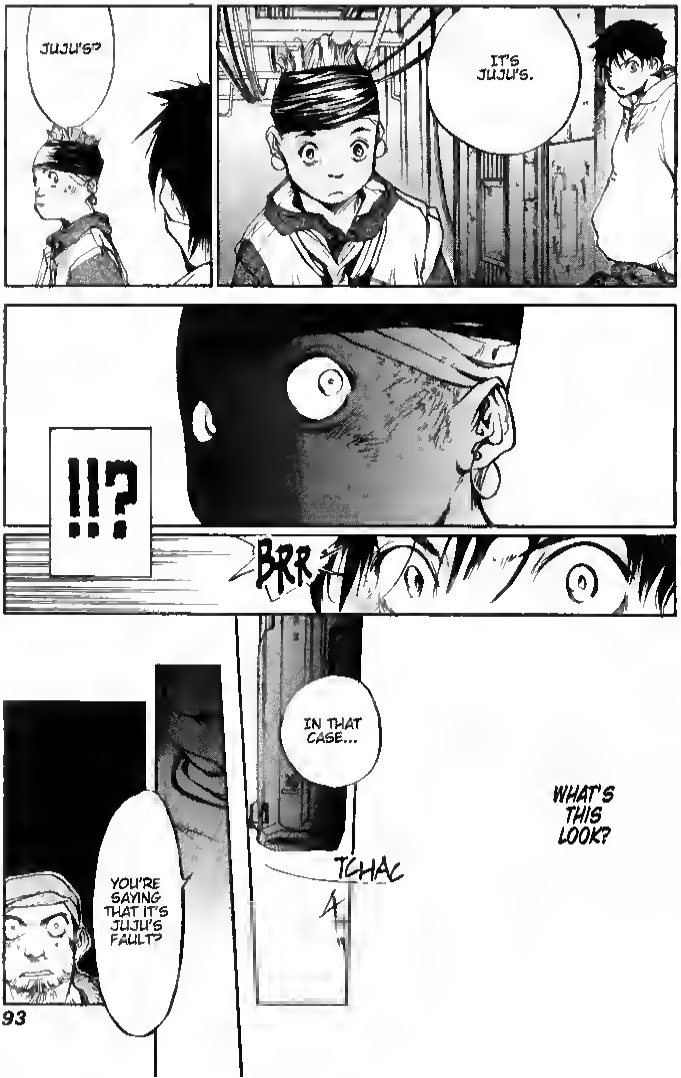
...
YOU USED TO SAY THIS WASN'T YOUR KINDA PLACE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HEY ...

COME ON...
QUIT LYING ON THE GROUND
HM...
ARE YOU OK?
YES ...

TO FIND HIM IN SUCH A BAD STATE...
IS VERY STRANGE.
EVERYONE KNOWS JUJU IS MY BEST FRIEND.
WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?
!?
WHY ...
IS THAT YOU!?
WHAT?
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
NOOOOO!! ABSOLUTELY NOT!
IS EVERYBODY ...
AFRAID OF CORI!?

EVEN
DOLL-MAN...
WHAT'S
THIS THING?
WHOSE GUN IS THIS?
DOESN'T IT HAVE AN OWNER?
ICHAC


JUJU'S?
IT'S JUJU'S.
!!?
BRR
IN THAT CASE...
TCHAC
YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S JUJU'S FAULT?
WHAT'S THIS LOOK?

I'M THE ONE AT FAULT...

I WASN'T ATTENTIVE ENOUGH...

IN THAT CASE, IT'S OK!
TOP
トン
TCHAC
スッ
HURRY!
LET'S GO, JUJU!

WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED?
COME ON!
ARE YOU REALLY CORI?

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EHH!
TOC
TOC
WHY?
AT FIRST...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST...
A NUISANCE
WHY'D YOU ASK ME TO SHOW THIS NEWBIE THE ROPES?
I'M NO BABY-SITTER !!!
EEH!?
DOLLMAN, PLEASE...
TAC
AH!

LISTEN ...
YOU DON'T HAFTA DO IT FOREVER ...
CRIK CRIK
IF YOU GET TIRED OF IT, YOU CAN STOP...
LISTEN UP CORI!
I'LL ONLY SAY THIS ONCE...
YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF JUJU
BOUM
VLAN
FFT-
AAH!
UNDER-STOOD ?!

THAT GUY'S ONE OF STIPE'S CREW.
YEA, I KNOW.
NOT MUCH WE CAN DO IF IT'S STIPE'S REQUEST...
I DON'T WANT TO BABYSIT!
I'M FINE ON MY OWN...
IT'S GOOD ANYWAYS ...
HE'LL SCREW UP ANY MOMENT NOW.
JUST WAIT!
YOU'VE JUST GOT YOURSELF ONE MORE SERVANT.

WELL ...
HE'S DOING PRETTY WELL...
...
WHAT IF HE WAS THE ONE BABYSITTING YOU! CORI?
SEEMS TO BE THE CASE EH?
HUH?
AH!
KAHHH!
AAAH!
AH!
AH!
AAAH!!!

Clink
I'M PISSED OFF...
I'M GOING HOME!
CORi!!!
I WASN'T REALLY THAT PISSED TO BEGIN WITH...
EVEN IF...
IT WAS TRUE THAT I TOOK IT OUT ON HIM
Hmmm!!!
BUT THAT SORTA THING HAPPENS ALL THE TIME HERE IN THE SLAM.

BUT YOU, YOU WERE DIFFERENT.
EVEN IF YOU WERE PART OF THE GANG, IT WAS AS IF YOU WEREN'T REALLY WITH US...
THAT MADE ME FEEL UNEASY...
NO, I CAN'T GIVE YOU THIS!
THEN ASK HIM.
I CAN'T ASK DOLLMAN !!
WHY ?!
YOU KNOW I'M A REGULAR CUSTOMER OF DOLLMANS.
PLEASE...
SOMEONE TOLD ME YOU COULD GET ME SOME!

CATHY...
IT'S YOUR CHOICE TO DO DRUGS...
BUT YOUR BABY DOESN'T HAVE ONE!
BUT...
WHAT KINDA CRAP IS THAT?!
I'M NOT PREGNANT!
COME ON...
I'M SUFFERING...
I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE...
I'LL PAY THE BALANCE WITH MY BODY...
ISN'T THAT OKAY WITH YOU?

PLEASE ...
TAC
YOU'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE RIGHT?
I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT
COME ON...
NO, CATHY.
CLAC
TAC

I FEEL SORRY FOR THE BABY.
A PROSTITUTE?
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?!
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
DAMN BRAT!!!
ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR ADULT ACT?!
THAT'S HOW IT WAS...
I ONLY WANTED TO HAVE A GOOD TIME
FF

HAHA HAHAHA HA!!
JUJU IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID!!
HA!
HA HA!
HA HA HA!
WHAT DID YOU GIVE HER!?
WHAT HAPPENED?!
COR!
WE SHOULD'A PAID MORE ATTENTION TO THE INSTRUCTIONS!

ZUT!!
ZUT!!
ZUT!!
SO I GAVE HER...
SHE WOULDN'T STOP BEGGING ME FOR SOME!
SHE WAS SOOO HAPPY!
SOMETHING REALLY POWERFUL!
BOUM
BOUM
BOUM
BOUM
HA HA!
THERE'S NO POINT BEING HAPPY ...
...IF SHE DIES!
あはは
HAHAHAHAHAHA
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

AAH!
BOUM
IS FLYING SO "HIGH" THAT HE ISN'T GONNA LAND FOR WHILE
CORI, AS YOU CAN SEE...
CRAC
CRAC
AAH!
HUH?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
CRR
CRR
AAH!
AAH!
SO I'M ASKING YOU THIS
BOUM

JUJU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING

THANKS TO HIM, I GOT AWAY WITH IT.

ERR...
...
YOU COULD HAVE RATTED ON ME!
THEN YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO ENDURE ALL THAT.
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?

AT THE TIME, YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING EITHER...
YOU DROPPED SOME FOOD
HUH?
WHERE?
fle fle fle
BACH!!
YOU SLOB!
TAC

ANYWAY WE HAVE TO EAT !
THERE'S PLENTY!
CHIPS?
CHICKEN
QUARTER POUNDERS
COKE
FRIES
YOU'RE EATING ONLY FAST FOOD
DO YOU THINK SO?
REALLY ?
WHY'RE YOU BRINGING UP ALL THESE OLD STORIES?
TODAY
YOU'RE ACTING STRANGE CORI

YOU REMEMBER RAOUL'S SHOP? THE ONE THAT CAUGHT FIRE?
RAOUL ?
CORI DIDN'T STOP TALKING ...
IT WAS AS IF HE WAS TALKING ABOUT EVERYTHING HE COULD REMEMBER...

ABOUT YOUR SISTER GETTING KIDNAPPED
THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT
NO !!!
WANT ME TO HELP OUT?
BY THE WAY, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR YOUR SISTER..
CRUNCH
WELL, IT'S SOMETHING I HEARD SOMEWHERE..
HM
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT REALLY IS AN OLD STORY ...
MPF
HAS HE CHANGED OR SOMETHING...?

ACTU-ALLY?
AH!
THEN, WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
I SHOULD TELL HIM ABOUT RAEL.
MIGHT AS WELL.. HE'LL LEARN ABOUT IT SOONER OR LATER...
WELL ..
ACTU-ALLY

SO YOU WERE WITH LORD PHILIP'S GRAND-DAUGHTER THE WHOLE TIME?
SOMETIMES I WONDER IF YOU'RE STILL SANE
PFT!

THAT'S NOOOT IT !
TO KIDNAP A BILLIONAIRE'S GRAND-DAUGHTER!
BUT YOU STILL WENT ALONG WITH HER RIGHT?
NE PAS ENTRER
IT'S TRUE THAT IT COULD BE SEEN THAT WAY...
YEAH, THAT'S FOR SURE ..
IT WAS JUST A COMBINATION OF COINCIDENCES...
HOW CAN I EXPLAIN THIS
JUJU, YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING ELSE
HUH?
SO I WAS FEELING GUILTY AND WANTED TO GIVE HER THE CHANCE TO GO BACK, BUT SHE'S DISAPPEARED.
PFFF
I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH IN THE WAY OF OBJEC-TIONS OR ARGUMENTS
I WAS THE ONE WHO CON-VINCED HER TO ESCAPE...

THE FACT IS... YOU'RE IN LOVE!
WITH THIS GIRL, RAEL!
HUH?
—
WHAT?!
HE'S LOSING IT...
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY!?
NO NOT AT ALL, I...
TTHEY MET ON A VERDANT ISLAND...
SUCH A ROMANTIC BEGINNING...
STOP SPEWING THAT CRAP!
EH?
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT HE'D DO IT? OUR SHY JUJU
BUT...

IT'S BECAUSE YOU LOVE HER THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE ALL THESE RISKS!
ABDUCTED
YOU ABDUCTED THE GIRL BECAUSE YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH HER
WHEN DID YOU BECOME SUCH A MAN?
MMH?
BOUM
AND THERE YOU MET YOUR "TRUE LOVE"
YOU CAME TO THIS ISLAND ALONE
YOU'RE SO LUCKY, MAKES ME WISH
...
HAHAHA
INTRODUCE ME TO HER!

BECAUSE I WAS IN LOVE?
I HAVEN'T EVEN...
THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
I ONLY DID MY BEST AT THE TIME.
THAT'S STRANGE ...
THE IDEA NEVER CROSSED MY MIND...

WHAT DO I FEEL...
ABOUT RAEL?

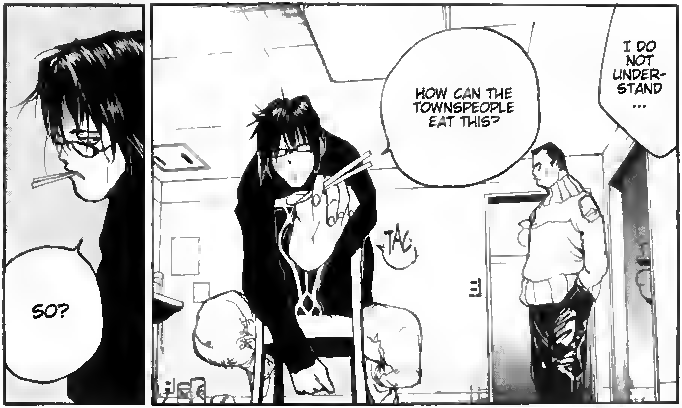
I'M COMING WITH YOU
IT'S DECIDED THEN!
HUH?
COMING?
WHERE?
I'LL HELP YA SEARCH FOR HER!
EEH?
RAEL?
RAEL !
I'M TALKING ABOUT RAEL!
STOP PLAYING DUMB !
!?
THIS GIRL YOU'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH!
I'M INTERESTED IN MEETING...

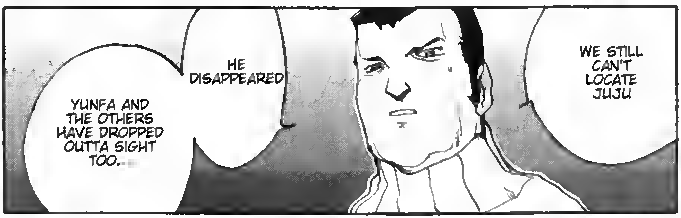
DOLLMAN!!!
YOU HEAR ME?!
COULD YOU GET SOME MEN TOGETHER?
WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY!
TO BE MORE PRECISE, A GIRL
WHAT DOES SHE LOOK LIKE?
BOUM BOUM
HUH?
LOOK LIKE!?
OH YEA
SO, JUJU?
AH...
WHAT IS SHE WEARING?
WELL
UHH
RAEL...
HMM...
SHE'S QUITE A GIRL ANYWAY
SHE FOLLOWED A GUY SHE'S ONLY JUST MET...

BRR
BRR
Fle
Fle
Fle
HM?
TAP
BY THE WAY JUJU ...

IS SHE DOING WELL?
YOUR SISTER. .
CORI~
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

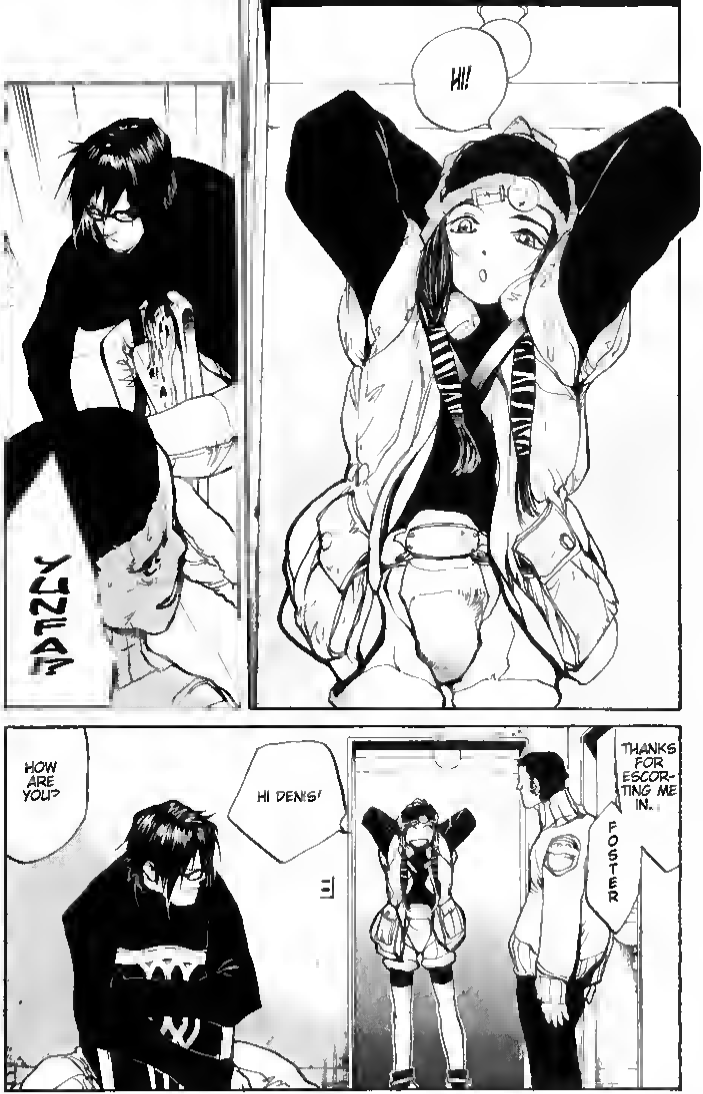
SLURP
WHETHER I'M A BAD OR GOOD COOK...
A BAD MEAL WILL ALWAYS BE A BAD MEAL...


I DO NOT UNDER-STAND ...
HOW CAN THE TOWNSPEOPLE EAT THIS?
TAC
SO?


WE STILL CAN'T LOCATE JUJU
HE DISAPPEARED
YUNFA AND THE OTHERS HAVE DROPPED OUTTA SIGHT TOO..

THEY MIGHT HAVE HOLED UP SOME-WHERE ...
ZUT!
IF THEY ARE IN SLAM'S DISTRICT.
WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REACH 'EM AS EASILY AS WE NORMALLY WOULD.
TAP

WHAT CAN WE DO?
IF WE DON'T HAVE OUR BARGAINING CHIP...
THE EXCHANGE WON'T TAKE PLACE...
O.K.!
CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR JUJU!
ALSO, YUNFA AND THE CAPTAIN AS WELL!
!
tle
WHAT?
RIAM, SOMEONE IS HERE TO SEE YOU.
AND THEY'RE PRETTY INSISTANT.
WHO IS IT?
TH IT'S BAD NEWS ...


HI!
DENIS
THANKS FOR ESCORTING ME IN.
FOSTER
HI DENIS!
HOW ARE YOU?

YOU'RE STILL THE SAME
RIAM
CLING
AH...
I'M NOT SPEAKING TO YOU!
VUM

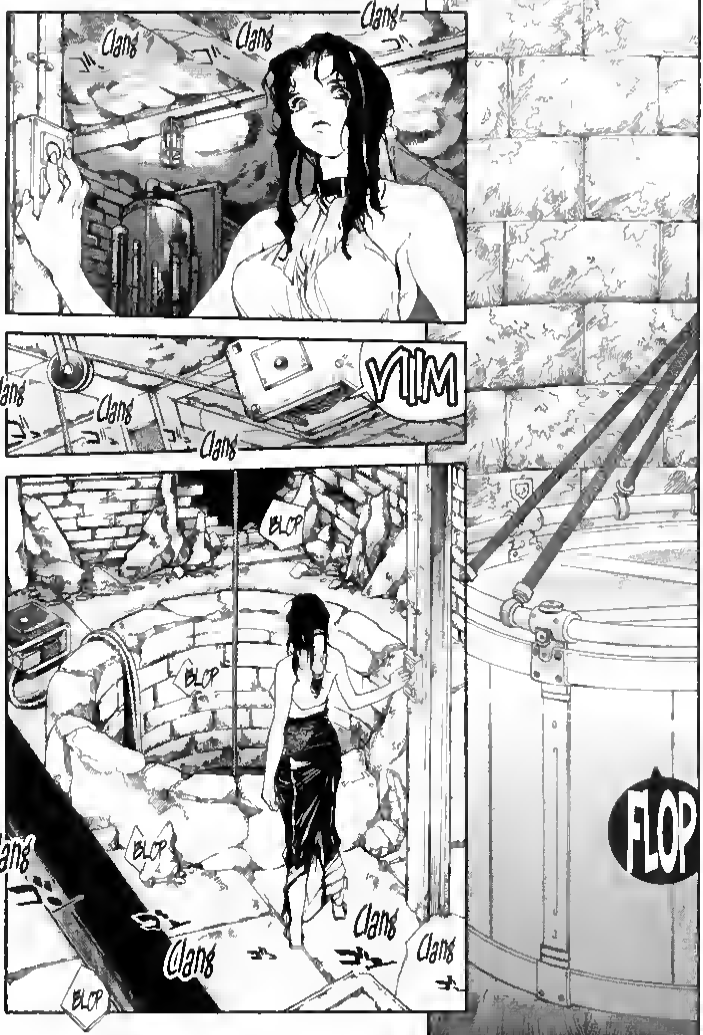
CLING
AAH!!!
AAH!!!
AUGH!!
WHERE'S THE GIRL?
WHAT?!

Chapter 20

A FEROCIOUS DESIRE, HIDDEN IN SILENCE...

DREAMING BIRDS PRAY WHILE THE FAMISHED BEAST DANCES...

THE THING HIDES IN THE NOISE...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BLOP
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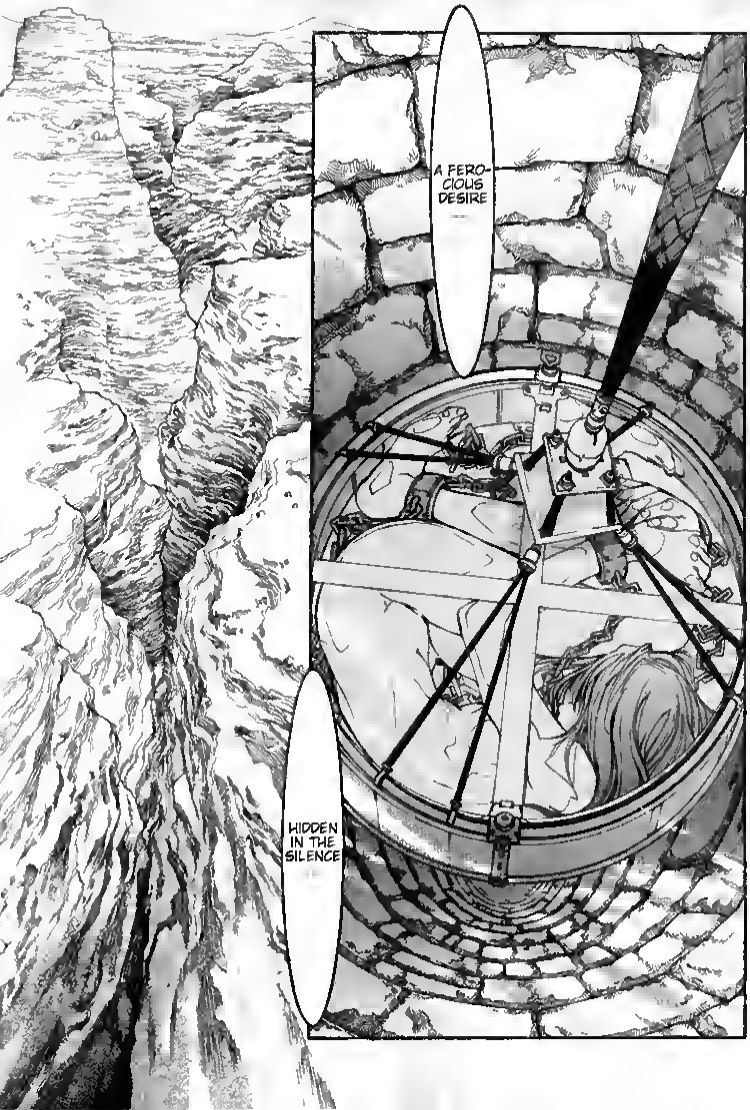
FLOP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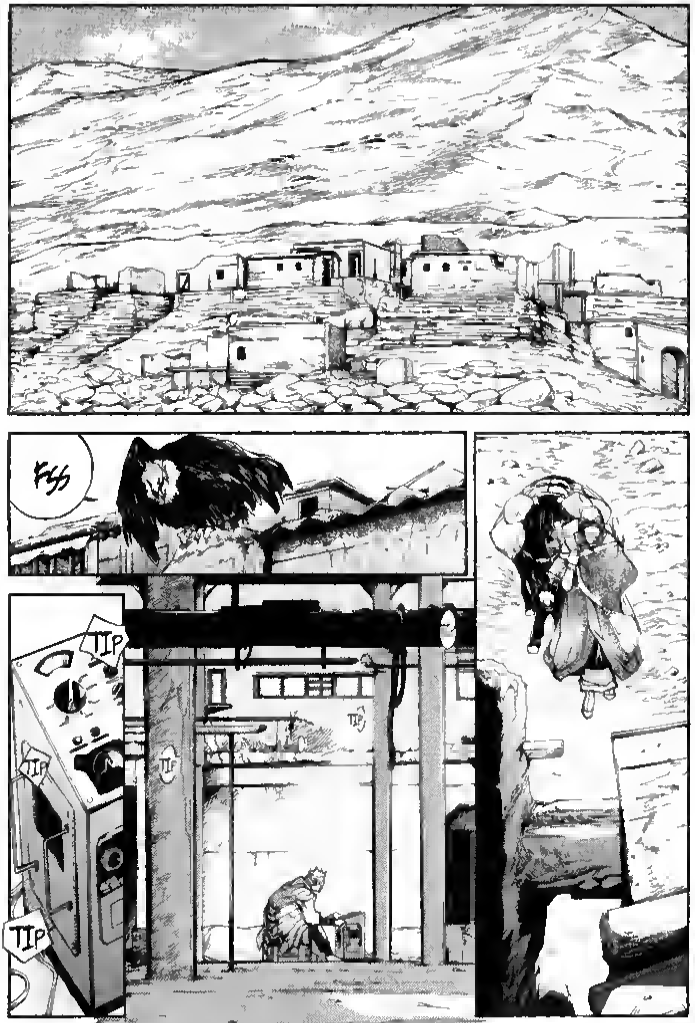
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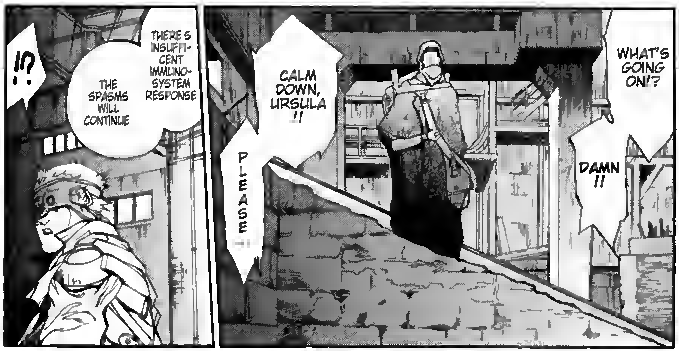
TIP
TIP
TIP
TIP
TIP

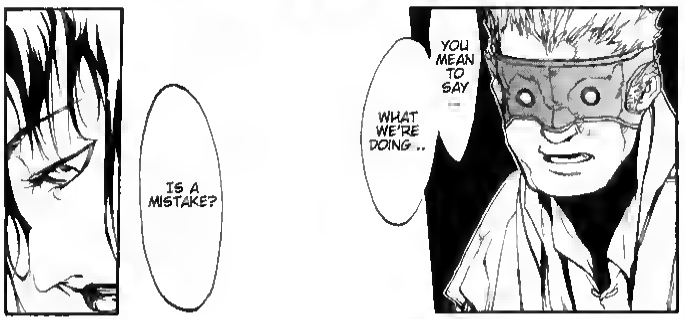
BOUM
TAC
URSULA!?


WHAT'S GOING ON!?
DAMN !!
CALM DOWN, URSULA !!
PLEASE !!
THERE'S INSUFFICIENT IMMUNO-SYSTEM RESPONSE
THE SPASMS WILL CONTINUE
!?

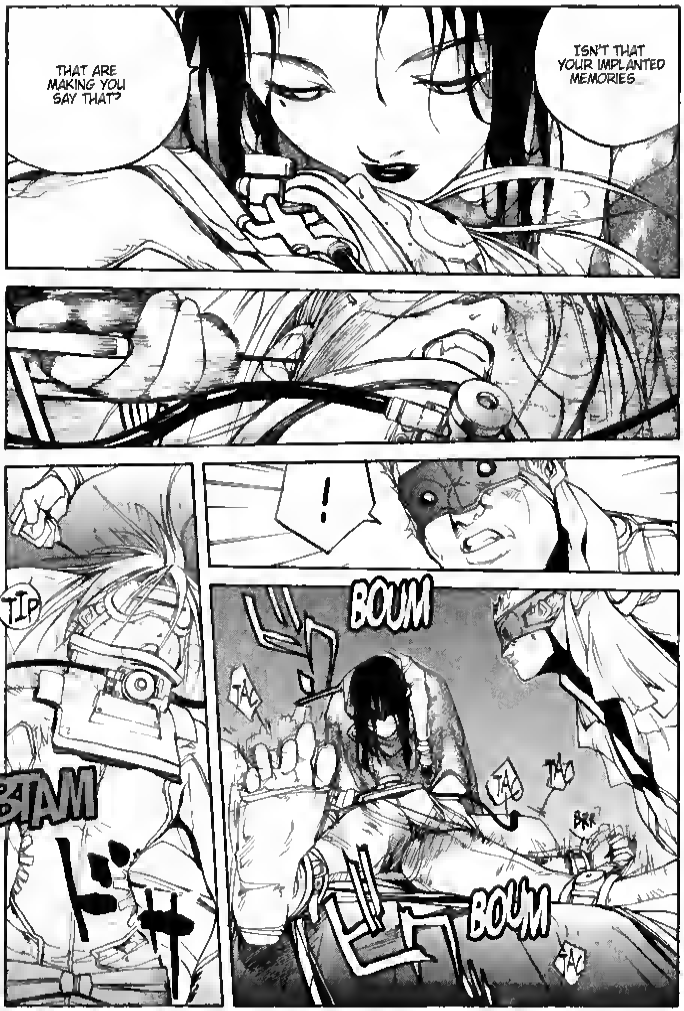
WHAT ?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN
JADE !?
I BROUGHT THE ITEMS YOU ASKED FOR...
THIS
AND THIS
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO RESTORED HER, RIGHT?
BOUM
BOUM
I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU
BEFORE I FIXED HER TORN TORSO AND ARM
THAT BODY HAS REACHED IT'S LIMITS, IT'LL NEVER BE LIKE IT WAS BEFORE

EVEN IF...
IT'S A TAMARIX BODY..
BRR
BRR
BRR
BRR
BRR
BRR
REPEATED ORGAN TRANSFERS LOWERS ONE'S IMMUNO-SYSTEM
HER BODY CAN'T HANDLE ANYMORE INVASIVE SURGURY.

IN THIS GIRL'S BODY?
WHAT IS LEFT OF THE "ORIGINAL"...


IS A MISTAKE?
YOU MEAN TO SAY ... WHAT WE'RE DOING ..

AT THE PEAK OF IT'S BIOLOGICAL EVOLUTION, THE HUMAN RACE
IS TO UNDERGO THE MOST DRAMATIC AND DECISIVE ANATOMIC CHANGE SINCE IT STARTED WALKING!?
WE WERE MADE TO SEE THIS THROUGH!
AND THE KEY TO THE ENIGMA LIES WITHIN THESE GIRLS!!


THAT ARE MAKING YOU SAY THAT?
ISN'T THAT YOUR IMPLANTED MEMORIES
!
TIP
BTAM
BOUM
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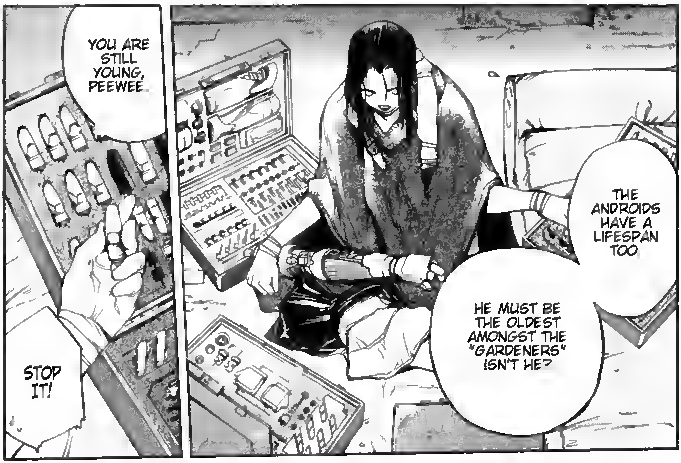
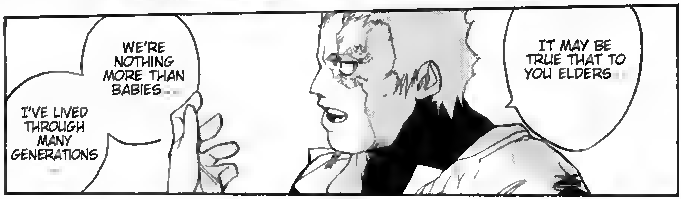
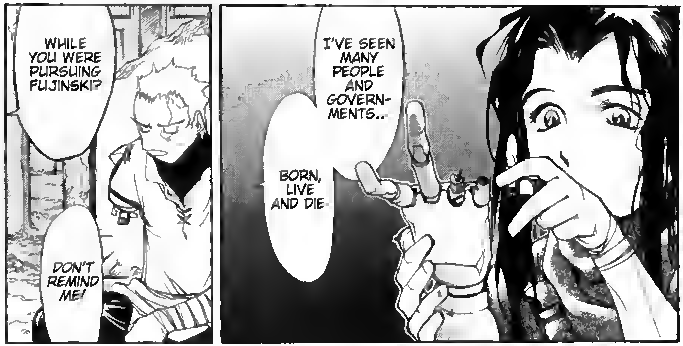
BRR
BOUM

SHE'S CALMED DOWN.
SHE'LL BE ALRIGHT NOW...
REMOVE HER CHAINS!
RIGHT AWAY!
BOUM
NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN PEEWEE
YES, HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.


YOU ARE STILL YOUNG, PEEWEE...
STOP IT!
THE ANDROIDS HAVE A LIFESPAN TOO
HE MUST BE THE OLDEST AMONGST THE "GARDENERS" ISN'T HE?


IT MAY BE TRUE THAT TO YOU ELDERS...
WE'RE NOTHING MORE THAN BABIES...
I'VE LIVED THROUGH MANY GENERATIONS


WHILE YOU WERE PURSUING FUJINSKI?
DON'T REMIND ME!
I'VE SEEN MANY PEOPLE AND GOVERN-MENTS..
BORN, LIVE AND DIE

NOTHING'S IMMUTABLE
AS TIMES FLOWS
EVERY-THING CHANGES
WE CAN'T STRUGGLE AGAINST TIME
GIVE IT HERE, I'LL REATTACH IT.
WHAT?
YOUR RIGHT ARM!
WHY DO YOU THINK I'M HERE?
TCHAC
HOP!

JADE...
YOU.
HAVE YOU ALREADY MET RAEL?
I KNOW YOU'RE NEUTRAL.
THE "GARDENER'S" ROLE IN THE STRUGGLE IS TO RETRIEVE RAEL.
ISN'T IT?
YOU NEEDN'T LIE TO ME...

!
TAC
ALL THAT MATTERS IS HER!! RAEL!!
BUT WE DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT IT!!
I'M SURE YOU'VE DIVED INTO HER!
WHAT DID YOU SEE?
YOU FOUND SOME-THING?
AH!
TAC
BUT
ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE REM, ABOUT HER TRUE PER-SONALITY!
BUT!
RIGHT, JADE!?
BOUH
CALM DOWN!
MORON!!!

THE ANSWER LIES IN THAT FAMOUS SENTENCE...
NOTHING NEW!
BUT THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT HER THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM A HUMAN...
I DISSECTED IT ALL FOR INFORMATION, FROM THE COLORS TO THE FORMS...
LIGHTS, SOUNDS...
I FOUND THINGS TOO MANY THINGS! ENOUGH TO PUT ME OUT!
THAT'S IT...
THE ONE ABOUT THE DANCE OF THE BIRDS AND THE SAVAGE BEASTS?
"A FEROCIOUS DESIRE, HIDDEN IN SILENCE...
DREAMING BIRDS PRAY WHILE THE FAMISHED BEAST DANCES...
THE THING HIDES IN THE NOISE..."
PFT!

THE THING...
IS IN THE NOISE...
WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?
MUST BE SOME SORT OF ANAGRAM...
THE THING IS IN THE NOISE...
IT'S THE REM?
BIRDS ...
SAVAGE BEAST ...
AND ...
cling
cling
cling
AND WHAT ELSE ?
THE PRAYER ...
CRR
CRR
CRR
TCHAK
AND THE DANCE !!!

IT'S PERFECT!
THANKS JADE ♡

VLAM
WORKS GREAT ♡
VLAM
THERE WE GO!
VLAM

AT FIRST, THEY SEEM TO BE UNCONNECTED PHRASES, BUT...
I THINK IT'S A SECRET CODE ..

SEEING YOU LIKE THAT JADE, I CAN GUESS THAT .
YOU DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING NEW.
HAVEN'T YOU TOLD ANYONE?

ABOUT WHAT ?

ALL OF THIS
HAVEN'T YOU SPOKEN TO FUJINSKI ABOUT IT YET?
AH...
HM!
ERR ...

AH!
OK!
AAH!!!
TELL US MORE
OK!!
TIC
WHAT GIRL ...
I UNDER-STAND!
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING
...
CALM DOWN
GLUPS
AH...
VLUM
TAC
DENIS, STOP!

BAM
CRK
DENIS!
YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THAT...
VLAM
!!

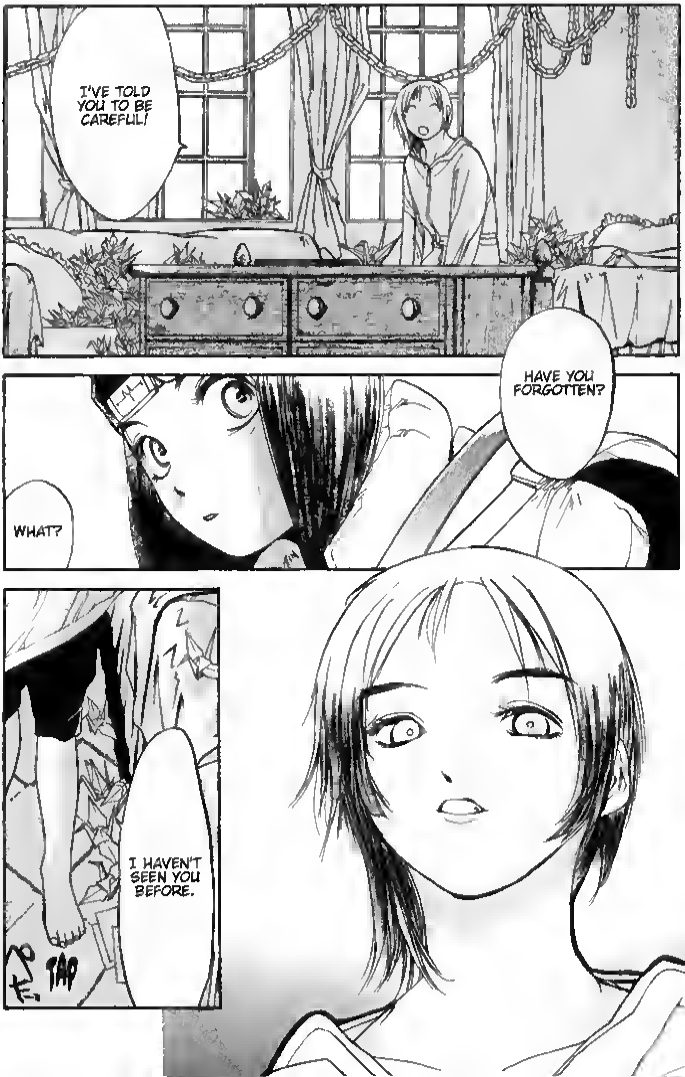
BAAM
CRAC
Pst
CRAC
VIUM
CRRRAC!

AH!
GRR
GRR
GRR
GRR
CHRAC
AH!
!
HM!
Fle
BAM
AND
THERE

TAC
I KNOW!
I KNOW!
I KEPT REMINDING HIM
NEVER TO TRY FIGHTING YOU YUNFA...
HEY! FOSTER!
GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL RIGHT AWAY!
AH!
OK!
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MOVE HIS NECK!
BE VERY CAREFUL!
COULDN'T YOU GO A LITTLE EASIER ON HIM?
AHH
THE GIRLS OF CAREN VALLEY!
REALLY...

IT'S THIS WAY YUNFA
THIS WAY.
THERE'S NOTHING HERE.
DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT LEADING YOU INTO SOME DUMB TRAP!
I DON'T WANT TO SUFFER BECAUSE OF YOUR HYSTERIA.
I'D PREFER YOUR GUN.
IT'S OUT BACK...
PFT!
I PROMISE YOU
THERE'S NOTHING!

CRASH!
WHAT IS THIS?
fst


I'VE TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
WHAT?
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE.
TAP

FFF!
PARDON THE MESS
OH, EXCUSE ME
TAP
TAP
SHE IS ALSO A FRIEND OF JUJU.
I REALLY WANTED YOU TO MEET HER.
SHE'S REALLY CLOSE TO HIM

SHE'S BEEN TRAVELING FOR QUITE SOME TIME TO MEET YOU
BUT
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT
KUH??
...
OH!
REALLY!
WELL...
FST

SO THAT'S IT
I HAD NO IDEA.
すっ
BRRR
BRRRR
I'M ANNA-MARIA MEYER
HELLO AGAIN! PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
ニコ
CRRRR
SO, YOU'RE JUJU'S GIRLFRIEND?
MY BROTHER MUST CAUSE YOU ALOT OF WORRY, RIGHT?

BRR BRR
I'M VERY HAPPY TO HAVE FINALLY MET YOU ...
RAEL!
抱き
TAC
FLE
AAAAAH!
BAM
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!?
HAHAHA!
TAC
HAHAHAHAHAHA!
NOBODY SAID THAT YOU WERE RAEL.

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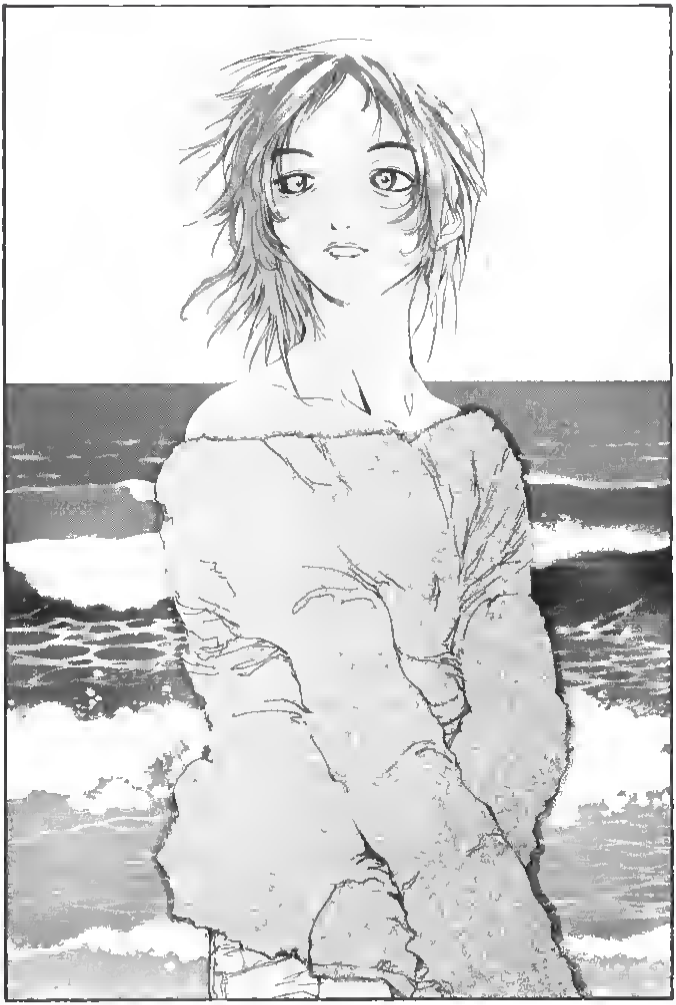


AS SUCH, ISN'T THIS PROJECT OF YOURS A TOUCH EXCESSIVE?
IT IS ALREADY QUITE A UNUSUAL EVENT TO ORGANIZE A NATION-WIDE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR A PRIVATE CITIZEN ..

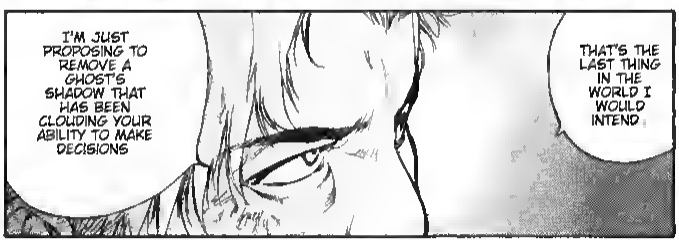
PROPOSED MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR THE VISITING GUESTS OF THE STATE
Article 1.

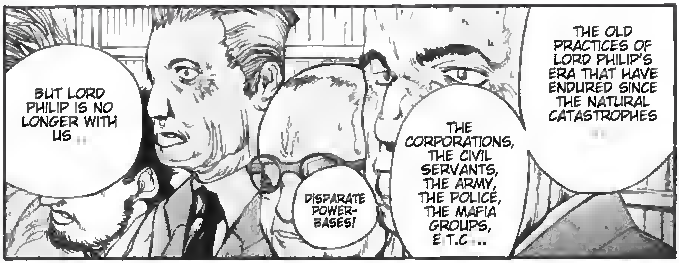
Management of transport infrastructure and communication networks
Implementation of a control system on the main trunk roads and vehicles in the capital.

DEPUTY LASER-FORD?
IS IT REALLY NECESSARY TO BURDEN THE CITIZENS WITH EVEN MORE TAXES?
THE CITY'S BUDGET IS ALREADY SHOWING A DEFICIT OF 4 BILLION DOLLARS
AREN'T YOU FOR-GETTING THAT?

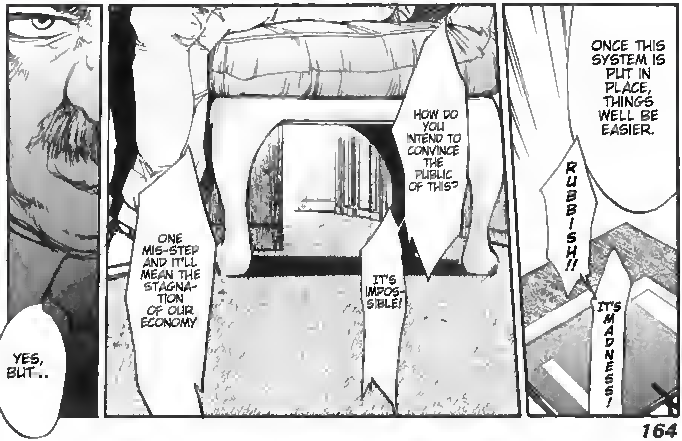
PRECISELY. WE ARE CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH A DEPRESSION.
IMAGINE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS THE FUNERAL COULD BRING.
WHAT?!
IT'S LIKE DECLARING MARTIAL LAW
IT'S THE TRUTH!
SHUT UP ALL OF YOU!!
LET'S HEAR WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS AFFAIR.
THIS PROPOSAL REPRESENTS HALF THE CITY BUDGET!?
SILENCE
SUCH TYRANNY WILL ONLY DRIVE THE CITIZENS TO VOTE THE FASCISTS INTO OFFICE!
SHUT UP!
PFFT!

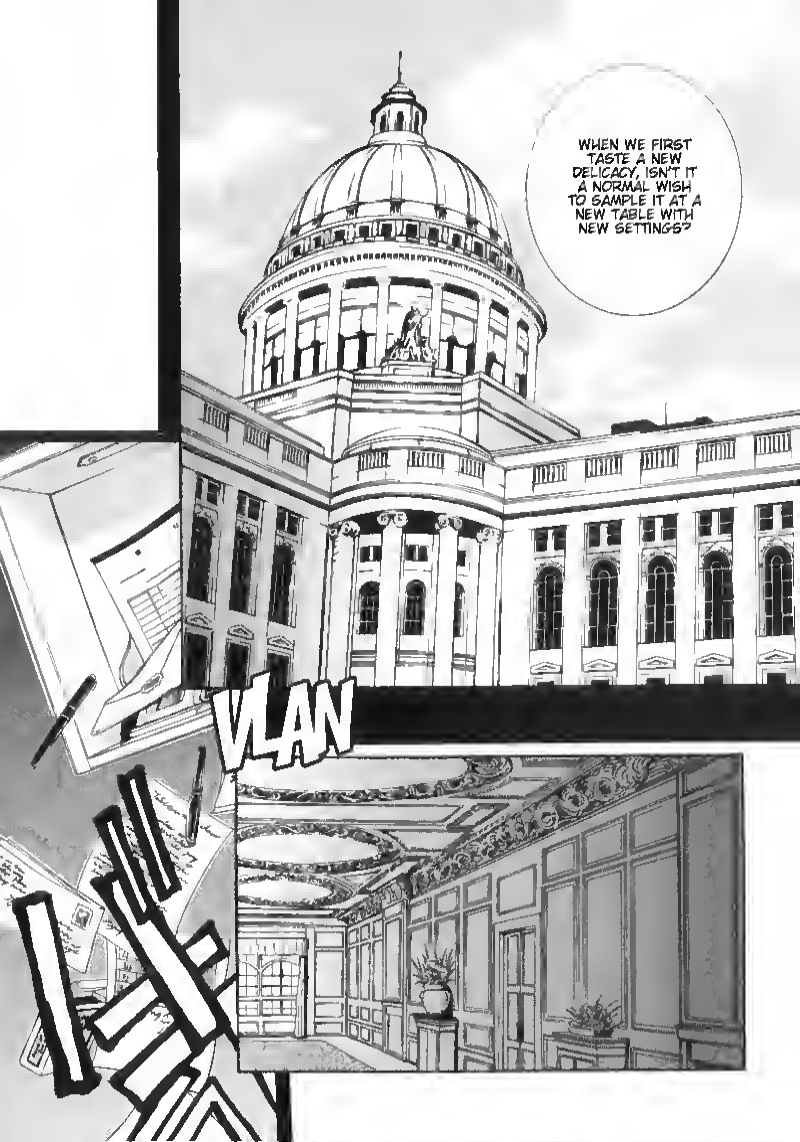
ARE YOU INTENDING ON ESTABLISHING A DICTATORSHIP IN WEST SEA?
HOW MANY OF THE POOR DO YOU THINK WE CAN ASSIST WITH THAT AMOUNT YOU'RE ASKING FOR?
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AT LEAST

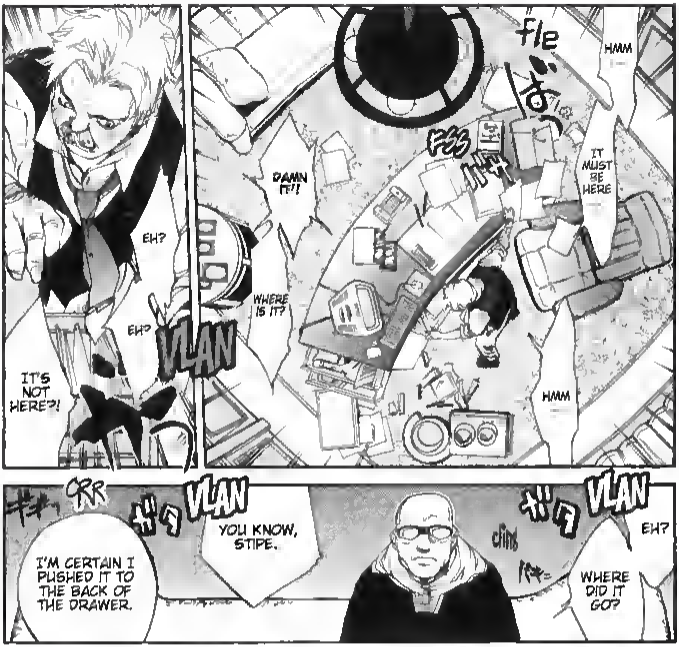

I'M JUST PROPOSING TO REMOVE A GHOST'S SHADOW THAT HAS BEEN CLOUDING YOUR ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS
THAT'S THE LAST THING IN THE WORLD I WOULD INTEND.


BUT LORD PHILIP IS NO LONGER WITH US..
DISPARATE POWER-BASES!
THE CORPORATIONS, THE CIVIL SERVANTS, THE ARMY, THE POLICE, THE MAFIA GROUPS, E T.C...
THE OLD PRACTICES OF LORD PHILIP'S ERA THAT HAVE ENDURED SINCE THE NATURAL CATASTROPHES

WE WOULD BE RESTORING ORDER..
EVERY-THING WILL BE CLEARER .. MORE MALLEA-BLE
DON'T YOU FIND THAT THIS FUNERAL CEREMONY.. WOULD BE A GOOD OCCASION TO CLEAN THOSE LAST TENACIOUS REMNANTS OF THE LAST?


YES, BUT..
ONE MIS-STEP AND IT'LL MEAN THE STAGNA-TION OF OUR ECONOMY
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
HOW DO YOU INTEND TO CONVINCE THE PUBLIC OF THIS?
ONCE THIS SYSTEM IS PUT IN PLACE, THINGS WELL BE EASIER.
RUBBISH!!
IT'S MADNESS!


WHEN WE FIRST TASTE A NEW DELICACY, ISN'T IT A NORMAL WISH TO SAMPLE IT AT A NEW TABLE WITH NEW SETTINGS?
VLAN


HMM
IT MUST BE HERE
DAMN IT!!
WHERE IS IT?
HMM
EH?
EH?
VLAN
IT'S NOT HERE?!
CRR
VLAN
YOU KNOW, STIPE.
I'M CERTAIN I PUSHED IT TO THE BACK OF THE DRAWER.
VLAN
EH?
WHERE DID IT GO?
AHH!!
AHH!!
FOUND IT!!
I TOLD THEM THAT I WOULD ACQUIRE THE MONEY FOR THEM
BUT THEY ALL STILL WANT TO.
DELIBERATE BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES

FLP
FLP
FLP
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ALSO ONE OF THOSE STICK-IN-THE-MUDS WHO ARE STILL STUCK ON THE CATASTROPHE?
WHAT?
AREN'T YOU EXAGGERATING A BIT?
YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE WEAK-MINDED FOOLS?
NO.
OF COURSE NOT!
AND THAT'S WHY I TRUST YOU.
WHEN ONE WISHES TO MOVE FREELY IN A GAME.
ONE JUST NEEDS TO KNOW ALL THE RULES PERFECTLY ...
BLOP
BLOP
BLOP
HMMMM!!!

AT THE MOMENT, YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A JUNKIE ...
A KID WHO SHOOTS UP ON A HOME-MADE HARD COCKTAIL
IT'S NOT MY BUSINESS TO WORRY ABOUT THAT
HMMM--
HMMM-
CRR CRR
DO YOU THINK SO?
FFF
IT'S NOT AS IF THE PARLIAMENT IS YOUR PLAYTHING!
FF
HMMM?
YOU HAD THE AUDACITY TO ANNOUNCE THIS DURING THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENT
FFF-
HEY!
IT'S RINGING.
BIP
BIP
HA HA!
YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERY-THING
BIP
BIP
I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE BE CAREFUL . .
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH
BIP

SO?
JUJU IS WITH HIM.
YES ...
I KNOW
THE CAREN VALLEY PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO BE EASILY SHIFTED.
CORI IS MY GREATEST WORRY AT THE MOMENT.

I THINK HE MIGHT SNAP SOON.
FSHHHH
FSHHHH
BLOP
FSHHHH

PAY ATTENTION ....
IT'S A IRREPLACEABLE GUINEA PIG!
FSHHH

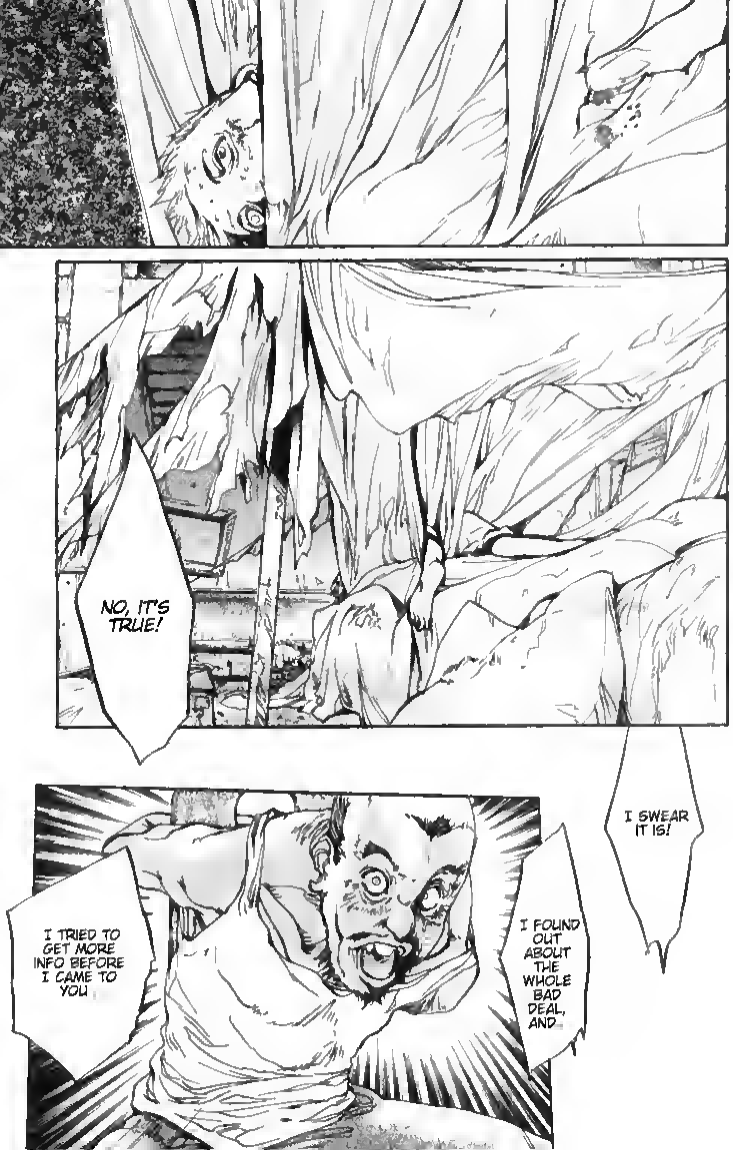
VUUUU
TAC
ストン

YOU'LL HURT YOURSELF IF YOU FALL...
BOUM
JUMPING ISN'T A BAD IDEA, BUT...
EVEN ON YOUR TIPTOES ...
YOU WOULD NOT REACH IT.
SEEN FROM THIS POINT,
THEY SKY DOESN'T SEEM VERY BIG...
I WONDER WHAT CORI IS DOING RIGHT NOW...
ERR...
BOUM
I FORGOT TO TELL YOU
THE TOILETS AREN'T OVER THERE
BY THE WAY...

IT'S TROUBLESOME IF WE BOTHER HIM
CORI, WHEN HE'S DRUGGED ..
HE DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT HE'S FACING.
HE HASN'T CHANGED
HE DOES THE SAME THINGS AS ALWAYS
YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED ?
THAT YOUR FRIEND HASN'T CHANGED?
YOU
ARE YOU STAYING WITH ME BECAUSE CORI ORDERED YOU TO?
HAHA!
SO WHAT?
ALL OF YOU ARE
ACTING WEIRD
SAME WITH YOU DOLLMAN, YOU'RE NOT YOUR NORMAL SELF!

IS THAT WHAT CORI ORDERED YOU TO DO?
HE ASKED YOU TO WATCH ME..
SO I COULDN'T ESCAPE?
CRASH
ME ..
I'M WATCHING
OVER YOU?
YOU'RE A FUNNY FELLOW JUJU!
AND CORI ORDERED ME TO DO SO?

BAM!!!
YOU WANT TO TEST ME?
TAC
TRY TO ESCAPE.
COME ON!
DOLLMAN!!!
COME SEE THIS.
THERE'S A PROBLEM OVER HERE


NO, IT'S TRUE!
I SWEAR IT IS!
I TRIED TO GET MORE INFO BEFORE I CAME TO YOU.
I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE WHOLE BAD DEAL, AND...

VLAN
HEY!
YOU!
BE CAREFUL!
I HAD ALMOST SUCCEEDED
THEY DON'T OPEN UP VERY EASILY.
IT WOULD HAVE ONLY BEEN A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE WHOLE STORY OUTTA HER.
AH!
WHY DID YOU STOP ME?
GOD.
THEY'VE GOT HER HIDDEN AWAY.
I SAW HER. .
THE GIRL!
IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT WITNESS.

HUH ??
MANILO'S A FREQUENT CLIENT OF YANO'S
HEY!
SURELY HE'S SEEN THEM GO IN..
DO YOU HEAR ME?
LET ME GO!
IT'S ONE OF YANO'S.
A LITTLE DRUG PUSHER.
HEYY!!
THAT'S WHAT MANILO WAS SAYING.
BUT WOULD THE CAREN PEOPLE REALLY STOOP TO THAT SORT OF DIRTY BUSINESS?
DOLLMAN!
CHAC
CHAC
CRR
HE'S SO HIGH HE CAN'T TELL UP FROM DOWN..
!
SO ...
THE CAREN VALLEY PEOPLE ARE...
DOWN TO KIDNAP-PING?
THE OTHERS WERE IN SO MANY PIECES, WE COULDN'T EVEN TELL HOW MANY OF THEM THERE WERE..
WE'RE OUTTA LUCK..
IT ALL GOES BACK TO THE CAREN GUYS ..
WHAT?
IT'S HORRI-BLE
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING LEFT BUT THE CORPSE OF THIS GIRL.
AND THE GIRL ...
WHAT ABOUT HER?
WHAT?

CAREN... NO WAY?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
YOU'RE ALL HERE!!!
ANY NEWS?
RAEL'S BEEN FOUND?

SHE'S NOT HERE...
IT'S JUST THAT...
SO WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND HER?
SO?
PERFECT TIMING! LISTEN TO ME!
CORI?!
THEY WANT TO STEAL IT FROM ME...
MY PREY...
I WAS THE ONE WHO CAPTURED THE GUILTY PERSON!!
CAPTURED?
BUT WHO?

THAT'S GREAT ISN'T IT?
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM ?
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SURROUND THEM AND MAKE 'EM TALK!
IT SEEMS HE SAW THE PLACE WHERE THEY'RE HIDING HER.
OH GOOD!
IT'S THE TRUTH CORI!
ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KIDNAPPING OF MISS RAEL
MANILO SAYS THAT THE GUYS FROM THE CAREN VALLEY...
YES ...
BUT ...
WHAT?
MANILO TRIED TO RUSH AND ...
HA!
HA HA!
SHE ...
WAS EXTREMELY STUBBORN ...
I SNAPPED ...
EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS JUST A KID
SHE WAS VERY STUB-BORN!

FSHHHH
AH!

Ff
Ff
Ff
Ff
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER LIKE THIS BEFORE
YUNFA...
AND I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE THE MOST TROUBLE CONVINCING HER...
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO RIAM?
IF YUNFA COULD FIND US...
THAT MEANS WE AREN'T SAFE HERE ANYMORE.

THEY'VE GOT NO MORALS
THIS ISN'T GOOD AT ALL
GRR!!!
THE WORD GOING AROUND THE SLAM IS, "HUNT FOR THE CAREN VALLEY PEOPLE".
IT SEEMS THAT SOME OF US HAVE ALREADY BEEN CAPTURED
KIDS AGAINST KIDS...
THAT BASTARD STIPE!
SHIIIT!
HE KNOWS WE CAN'T GO VERY FAR.
HE KNOWS WHY WE CAN'T
MOVE OUR HOSTAGE

I'M ALWAYS LIKE THIS..
WHEN I'M HAPPY
YAY!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP HUGGING ME ALL THE TIME!!
TAC
AND I'D LOVE TO SEE YOU AGAIN
I'M HAPPY TO HAVE MET YOU..
IT JUST MEANS THAT..
FF
JUJU'S SISTER..
IN THAT CASE, I'LL GIVE YOU A PRESENT TOO..
YAY!
IT'S FOR YOU.
?
IT SUITS YOU..
YOU CAN HAVE IT

JUJU DOESN'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT HIS SISTER ...
WHY ?
I DON'T SEE WHY NOT...
VLAN
HEY ...
ANNA !!!
BOUM
HUH
!!
FLE

A.....E!!!
YOU OK?

I TOLD YOU TO STOP...
DID YOU HURT YOURSELF?
HUH?
HEY
YOU ALRIGHT?

BRR
ANNA-MARIA !?
BRR

ON AN OLD PHOTO A COUPLE IN LOVE AND A HAPPY FAMILY...
THERE'S MY DAD, MY MOTHER AND MY SISTER.
MY FAMILY BEFORE MY BIRTH SMILES THAT I NEVER SAW

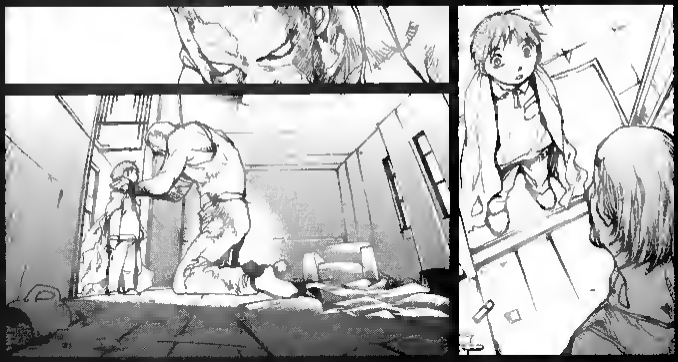
THE IMAGE WHICH THEY ENGRAVED IN MY MEMORY ISN'T THIS ONE...

BUT THE ONE OF A FATHER...

CONSTANTLY HITTING HIS WIFE WHO WASN'T FIGHTING BACK.

EACH EVENING... "THE PUNISHMENT" BECAME HARSHER AND HARSHER
BACK THEN, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANT...

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY MY MOTHER NEVER FOUGHT BACK...



SHE LOST THE USE OF HER LOWER LIMBS BECAUSE OF HER WOUNDS...

I THOUGHT THAT...

MY FATHER HATED ME...

"EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALRIGHT, IF YOU WERENT HERE, JUJU"

PLEASE
STOP IT
ALL !!!

IT'S OK NOW....
DON'T WORRY.

JUJU, YOUR SISTER
WILL PROTECT YOU.

KEF KEF
KEF
KEF
KAAA!
KAAA!
BEUUURK!
FSHHHH!
KEF!!!
KEF KEF!
BLURT
AAH!!!
KEF!!!

IF ONLY I COULD KEEP ALL THE UNPLEASANT THINGS AWAY BOTTLED UP...

ARE YOU RELIEVED THAT IT'S NOT A GIRL THAT YOU KNOW?
HUH?
GRRR
TAP TAP TAP
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME
I KNOW YOU TOOK SHELTER IN CAREN VALLEY
AND THE EXPRESSION YOU HAD WHEN YOU HEARD THE NAME
DIDN'T TAKE MUCH TO FIGURE IT OUT
BY CHANCE THE GIRL WASN'T ORIGINALLY FROM CAREN VALLEY
BUT THAT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING
YOUR FRIENDS WON'T MAKE IT...
HUH?

SO?
YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW FAR CORI CAN GO?
TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR LORD PHILIP'S GRAND-DAUGHTER...
WILL MEAN THAT THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS WILL KEEP RISING...
CITIZENS OF CAREN OR NOT...
DO YOU UNDER-STAND-JUJU?
!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TRIGGERED ALL THIS!

HURRY!!!
ANNA-MARIA IS IN BAD SHAPE!!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
HEY!
WE'VE GOTTA BRING HER TO A HOSPITAL! IMMEDIATELY!
RIAN
BRING SOME WATER!
HURRY!!
PFT...
I THINK THAT WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HER.
DO YOU THINK IT'LL ACHIEVE ANYTHING?

!!
CRAC
YOU DARE...
TO SAY THAT RIAM?
VIUM
CRAC
CRAC CRAC
SHE'S YOUR HOSTAGE ISN'T SHE?
WHY'D YOU LET HER CONDITION DETERIORATE SO FAR?
WHY?
AH!

SHE'S BEEN HEAVILY DRUGGED
OR MAYBE IT'S JUST HER ILLNESSES SYMPTOMS
I DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE WE BROUGHT HER HERE...
THAT SHE WAS HIGHLY ADDICTED TO DRUGS!
SHE'S BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE THE BEGINNING.
AS KIDNAPPERS, WE JUST CAN'T GO SEE A DOCTOR...
ポキ CRAC
パキッ CRAC

I'VE ASKED MANY OF CONTACTS..
BUT THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT ILLNESS IT IS
UNFORTU-NATELY THEY'VE ALL GIVEN UP
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS GIVE HER SOME WATER.
clang
clang
clang
BAM
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER LIKE THIS.
EVEN DOCTORS HAVE NO IDEA!
WHO COULD HELP?!

STIPE TRICKED US
!?
THAT'S WHY HE'S BEEN SO UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THIS—
HE'S CONVINCED WE'RE GOING TO GIVE UP SOON
HE'S NOT INTERESTED IN FIGHTING WITH KIDS!
DAMN IT!!

AH!
TAC
SPLASH
BUT !!!
FLOP
FLOP
SPLASH

FSHHHH
FSH
FSH
I'M BRINGING HER TO A PLACE THAT COULD CURE HER!
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?!
TAP
FSH

DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID?!
YUNFA!!!
AAAAAAAH!
あぁがが
CORI...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CRR CRR

AAH !!!
CRR
CRR
CRR
TAC
TAC
TAC
TAC
TAC
TAC
WHAT AM I DOING ?
DIDN'T YOU SEE HIM A LITTLE WHILE AGO?
HE'S MANILLO
BUT YOU CAN'T SEE THAT NOW ...
BRR BRR
AGH!
SINCE WE'RE INTERROGATING HIM ..
AN INTERRO-GATION!
TAC ガラ...

HE SAID "JUJU IS ONE OF CAREN VALLEY'S PEOPLE...
HE'LL BETRAY US SOMEDAY..."
HE ALSO HAD THE GUTS TO SAY...
THAT YOU WERE PLANNING ON INVADING THE SLAM WITH THE VALLEY PEOPLE...
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!
HM!
AH!
AGH!
AH!
AH!
TAC
IT'S A TERRIBLE THING...
HE'S ACCUSING MY BEST FRIEND...
HE'S CALLING YOU A TRAITOR...
WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP!

DON'T
DON'T MIND WHAT HE SAYS COR!'
WE ALL KNOW
THAT HE'S NOT RATIONAL ANYWAY
YOU SHOULDN'T CARE WHAT HE SAYS..
HA HA HA HA !!!
YOU'RE TOO KIND
ALL I WANT TO KNOW ...
IS WHAT HIS SOURCES ARE FOR THAT TRASH HE'S BEEN BABBLING ABOUT.
ORR
ORR
TAK
TAK
CLING
YEAH YEAH
"THERE'S NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE"
KHAC
BEAUTIFUL SAYING ISN'T IT?
AAAAAAAH!

AAAAH!
HAHAHA!
IT ISN'T CUTTING!
AAAAAAH!!!
STOP IT !!!
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ううう?
LET'S STOP IT...

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HER?!
BUT ...
HEY!!
WAIT
THAT'S THE WATER RESEVOIR
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ?
CLANG
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CRR
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ERR

AHHH! FOOL!!!
STOP!!!
FLE

SPLASH
AAAAAA!!!

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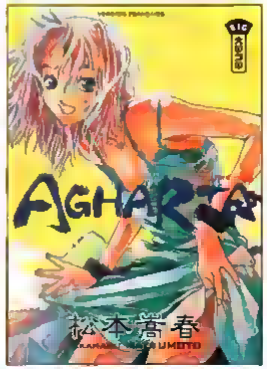

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